TRANSACTIONS

OF

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation,

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE,

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.

AT ITS

TWENTY-NINTH SESSION,

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA,

ON THE 22D DAY OF THE HEBREW MONTH KISLEV,
A. M. 5659, ANSWERING TO TUESDAY, THE 6TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, A. D. 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°, of Pittsburg.
Illus. Deputy for Pennsylvania, M. Illus. Commander-in-Chief.

FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, 33°, of Philadelphia,
Illustrious Grand Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY OF THE
SUPREME COUNCIL OF SOV. GR. INS.-GEN., 33°, A. A. S. R.
NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A., DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ORIENT OF PITTSBURG, 40° 32′ N. LAT., 80° 2′ W. LONG.,
First day of Kislev, 5659 (November 15, 1898).

ILL. BRO.:

In accordance with the provisions of Articles 53 to 58, of the Constitution of the Supreme Council, you are hereby NOTIFIED that a meeting of PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION will be held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the twenty-second day of the Hebrew Month Kislev, A. M. 5659, corresponding to Tuesday, the sixth day of December, A. D. 1898, at 3.30 o'clock P. M., for the transaction of business concerning the welfare of the A. A. S. Rite in Pennsylvania.

All PAST PRESIDING AND PRESENT OFFICERS of Consistories, of Chapters of Rose Croix, of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and of Lodges of Perfection, are members of the Council of Deliberation. Article 85 of the Constitution of the Supreme Council "makes it the DUTY of the first four officers of Lodges and Councils and the first three officers of Chapters and Consistories, to attend the meetings of the Council of Deliberation for their District, and assist in promoting the welfare of the Rite.'

Articles XI and XII of the Rules and Regulations of the Council of Deliberation are as follows:—

ARTICLE XI.—DECEASED MEMBERS.—It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer of the Subordinate Body of the highest grade in any Valley, when practicable, to prepare and present to the Council, at its annual meetings, a sketch of the lives and Masonic services of such members thereof as may have departed this life during the year preceding such meeting.

ARTICLE XII.—ANNUAL REPORTS TO COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION.—It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer of each of the Subordinate Bodies to present to the Council, at each annual meeting, a report showing the work done during the preceding year, and the present membership, and giving a statement of such other facts as will give the Council full and clear information as to the condition of the Bodies.

No one will be admitted except he be "CLOTHED WITH THE REGALIA APPROPRIATE TO HIS RANK," or at least with his appropriate Jewel, except by permission of the Commander-in-Chief.

After the transaction of business the Box of Fraternal Assistance will be passed.

By order of

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN,

Most Illus. Com.-in-Chief, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY,

Illus. Gr. Secretary.

☞Notice change of the hour of meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Opening of Council at 3.30 o'clock.

Calling of Roll of Members.

Reading of Minutes of Twenty-eighth Session, unless dispensed with.

Announcement of Committees:—

On the State of the Rite.
On Jurisprudence and Laws.
On Credentials.
On Finance.

Reading of Communications.

Annual Address of Most Illustrious Deputy.

Reports of Presiding Officers of Subordinate Bodies.

Announcement of Death of Members of Subordinate Bodies and Reading of Memorials.

Report of Committee on Credentials.

Report of Grand Treasurer.

Report of Grand Hospitaler.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

Report of Committee on State of the Rite.

Report of Special Committees.

New Business.

Passing the Box of Fraternal Assistance.

Closing.

BANQUET.

1898.

MEETING

OF

Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

A. A. S R.

PURSUANT to notice (of which the foregoing is a copy) addressed to the Active and Honorary members of the Supreme Council of Sov. Gr. Ins.-Gen., 33°, resident in the State; the Past First and Second Lieutenant Commanders of the Council of Deliberation; the Past Commanders-in-Chief of Consistories; the Past Most Wise and Perfect Masters of Chapters of Rose Croix; the Past Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Masters of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem; the Past Thrice Potent Grand Masters of Lodges of Perfection (they being Thirty-second degree Masons); the first three officers of Consistories and Chapters of Rose Croix, and the first four officers of Councils of Princes of Jerusalem, and of Lodges of Perfection.

THE TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF
PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF DELIBERATION
OF THE ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE, NORTHERN
MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.,

was held in Gothic Hall, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on the twenty-second day of the Hebrew month Kislev, A. M. 5659, answering to Tuesday, the sixth day of December, 1898.

There were present five Active and twenty-nine Honorary members of the Supreme Council residing in Pennsylvania, representatives from twenty-four Subordinate Bodies, and a number of visiting brethren.

The Council of Deliberation was opened in full form in the 14° at three o'clock and fifty minutes P. M., by

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy of the Supreme Council for the State of Pennsylvania, *ex officio* Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief, presiding, with the following officers in their respective stations and places:—

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°, . .	*Ill. First Lieut. Commander.*
CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°, .	" *Second Lieut. Commander.*
SAMUEL W. WRAY, 33°, . .	" *Minister of State & G. O.*
GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, 33°, .	" *Grand Prior.*
JOEL S. EABY, 33°, . . .	" " *Chancellor.*
EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,	" " *Treasurer.*
FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY, 33°, .	" " *Secretary.*
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°,	" " *Engineer & Arch't.*
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°, . .	" " *Hospitaler.*
WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, 33°,	" " *Master of Cere's.*
LEVI B. MCCLEES, 33°, . .	" " *Marshal.*
DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32°, . .	" " *Standard Bearer.*
SAMUEL I. GIVIN, 32°, . .	" " *Capt. of Guard.*
HENRY ASHFORD, 32°, . .	" *Sentinel.*
BENJAMIN K. PAULLIN, 32°,	" *Armorer.*

The Grand Prior addressed the Throne of Grace, invoking the divine blessing upon the deliberations of the Council.

The Ill. Grand Secretary called the roll of members, when representatives from four Consistories, six Chapters of Rose Croix, six Councils of Princes of Jerusalem and eight Lodges of Perfection were found to be present.

The Bodies not represented were Harrisburg Consistory, of Harrisburg; Keystone Chapter, of Scranton; Keystone

Council, of Scranton; Keystone Lodge of Perfection, of Scranton.

The minutes of the last (twenty-eighth) Council of Deliberation were approved, and, on motion, the reading thereof was dispensed with.

The Illustrious Deputy for New Jersey, Ill. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, 33°, Active, and Ill. Bros. Edward Mills, 33°, and Stephen Smith, 33°, Honorary, from the same State, were introduced and invited to seats in the East.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief was pleased to announce the following committees:—

On the State of the Rite.

CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°, AMERICUS V. HOLMES, 33°, SAMUEL B. KENNEDY, 33°.

On Jurisprudence and Laws.

GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, 33°, HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°, PETER BARKEY, 33°, GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°, DANIEL B. ELSE, 32°.

On Credentials.

AMOS H. HALL, 33°, WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32°, CHARLES V. HENRY, 32°.

On Finance.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, 33°, GEORGE E. DAVIS, 32°, GEORGE B. WELLS, 32°.

Communications, regretting their inability to be present, were received from Sov. Gr. Inspectors-Gen. Townsend S. Hunn, 33°; William Himrod, 33°; E. Oram Lyte, 33°; Joshua L. Lyte, 33°; Lee S. Smith, 33°; Owen M. Copelin, 32°; Daniel Sickels, 33°; Samuel Wells, 33°; Daniel W. Lawrence, 33°, and H. Wales Lines, 33°.

Which were ordered to be entered and filed.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief then delivered the following address :—

PITTSBURG, PA., December 6, 1898.

Illustrious Brethren of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite :—

In compliance with constitutional provision, we meet in our twenty-ninth annual session to consider and act upon such matters as pertain to the welfare of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite within the District of Pennsylvania.

With gratitude to our Father in Heaven for His goodness to us hitherto, let us perform our duties now and always with "an eye single to His glory;" thus alone can we serve our generation. It has been our custom first to call to mind those against whose names the asterisk has been placed upon our roster, whom we lovingly trust are now among the wise who "shine as the brightness of the firmament."

In a beautiful memorial presented by Ill. Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°, to the Supreme Council, to the memory of our illustrious brother, Charles Richard Earley, M. D., 33°, he said: "When death comes to a man who has ever listened to the woes of others, assuaged their griefs, soothed their sorrows and lightened the pathway of life, men pause in the active strife of affairs and pay a reverent and tender respect to his memory. Such a man was Dr. Earley." At the time of his death, at Ridgway, Pa., on May 17, 1898, Brother Earley had reached a ripe age, having exceeded five years beyond the "three score and ten," nearly that to which men attain "by reason of strength."

It will be for those who "touched him in life's throng and press" to tell us the story of his life, and we will listen to it with tender sympathy with those "who by him on earth were best beloved."

Another prince among men has been taken from us, although not of our District, but an Active member and

officer of the Supreme Council. It was a shock to most of us when the wire brought the news, on July 1st, that the great heart of Charles Levi Woodbury, 33°, had ceased to beat.

Our language has been exhausted by the feeling words of Ill. Henry L Palmer, 33°, our Sovereign Grand Commander, in his last annual address; by the loving memorial presented by Ill. Samuel C. Lawrence, 33°, and his colleagues in the Active membership in Massachusetts, and by the glowing review by Ill. Barton Smith, 33°, and his colleagues on the Committee on Deceased Members. "He rendered most faithful service of the highest value to the Supreme Council" for thirty years, from June 24, 1868, as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Jurisprudence; for nineteen years, from September 17, 1879, as Grand Lieut. Commander; for twenty-four years, as a trustee of the Permanent Fund of the Supreme Council, from the election of the Board of Trustees, August 21, 1874, and as Secretary of the corporation of "The Trustees of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry," from its organization in 1872, and the acceptance by the Supreme Council, August 20, 1875, a period of twenty-three years.

The Committee on Deceased Members, while indicating the high rank attained by him in his profession, as the peer of Webster, Choate and Curtis, and his distinguished public services, teaching that "noble endeavor, not present success, is the true, the enduring test of greatness," and his devotion to Freemasonry, and his wisdom and well-balanced judgment, conclude by saying:—

"These qualities he shared with others. Those which gave him his unique relation to this Supreme Council were subtler and touched deeper chords of sentiment. There was as sunny a smile as ever formed on human lips. His voice peculiar, quiet and low, spoke the amiability and kindness of his nature. He seemed as guileless as a child, and his warm friendliness made conquest of all who came under the charm of his presence. Each of us feels that a friend is gone.

Something of life, something of joyousness, something of the charm of our meetings, has been taken from us and buried in the grave of our beloved brother, Charles Levi Woodbury. May his spirit abide with us, and may we ever follow his wise, charitable and loving example."

The Supreme Council has lost also from its Honorary membership :—

Ill. Robert Gwynn, Ohio, January 23, 1898.
Ill. O. W. Shipman, Michigan, January 28, 1898.
Ill. F. L. Von Suessmilch, Wisconsin, February 10, 1898.
Ill. D. Striker, Michigan, April 11, 1898.
Ill. William J. Stevens, Massachusetts, April 23, 1898.
Ill. Frederick G. Walbridge, Massachusetts, April 28, 1898.
Ill. Nathan A. Baldwin, Connecticut, May 20, 1898.
Ill. Charles H. Brown, Michigan, July 20, 1898.
Ill. Charles S. Ward, New York, July 31, 1898.

We have lost, also, from our roll of membership many of the Thirty-second degree, who loyally contributed their quota to give our Bodies of the Rite the high standing which they possess. Their names will be presented to you by those whose special duty it is to present them, and we will inscribe their names upon our memorial tablets, in accordance with our custom. We value not our association with our brethren by the rank which they may have attained, as much as we do by their personality, which enables them, through their rank, to advance the best interests of the Rite, and so, whether possessed of official rank or not, we mourn those whose places are vacant, one and all.

It cannot be out of place here to pay a passing tribute to another well known in our District, who held the most exalted rank of Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for Canada, who was also an Honorary member of our Supreme Council, Ill. John Walter Murton, 33°, whose death took place at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on October 23d. The balustre issued by his successor in office has just reached me. Forty-one years have passed since his initiation, on September 17, 1857. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree on November 11, 1858, and

received the Order of Knight Templar on October 12, 1864. He served in many official capacities in the Grand and Subordinate Bodies of which he was a member, and, at the time of his death, was Provincial Grand Master for Ontario and Quebec of the Royal Order of Scotland, as well as Sovereign Grand Commander of his Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Ill. I. H. Stearns, 33°, Lieutenant Grand Commander and his successor in office, says of him: "In all of these positions, our late brother gave to the craft his best ability, and his services were rendered faithfully and conscientiously; but to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he devoted himself with untiring energy. Deeply interested as he was in Freemasonry generally, our system appealed most strongly to his sympathies, and awakened in him an enthusiasm which grew with years. The rituals, the traditions, the illustrations, the teaching, the philosophy and the principles of the Scottish Rite, were closely studied by him, and deeply influenced his mind and character. They appealed to a nature well fitted to receive them, and he saw easily that they were designed to promote both individual and general happiness, and to improve and elevate the condition of mankind. Thoroughly in earnest himself, Bro. Murton was able to influence others by his thoughts and convictions, and the result is that, in the quarter of a century during which the Supreme Council of Canada has had an existence, and largely through the force and power exerted by our late Sovereign Grand Commander, the standards of the Scottish Rite have been upheld on the shores of two oceans, and Bodies have been successfully planted in different parts of the country. The membership has steadily increased, and our illustrious brother was well able to look with satisfaction upon the results of his labor. In October, 1868, the Supreme Council for England and Wales conferred upon him the degree of Sovereign Grand Inspector-General. In a large degree the history of the Supreme Council is a history of his life. The services which he rendered the Rite were recognized abroad,

for the Supreme Councils of the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the United States and the Dominican Republic conferred upon him Honorary membership. We, who were his associates in this Supreme Council, know what a close Masonic student he was. How zealous, how earnest and faithful he was in every way, what strong affection towards him he awakened in others, how easily he won men to him, and the respect they paid him. How strong he was in his opinions and views, and yet with what kindness and courtesy he would differ from the views and opinions of others. Those who have been connected with him in the life of this Supreme Council can recollect no act or word of his which left an unkind remembrance, but they can remember many kind and fraternal things said and done, in which he revealed the depth of a warm nature and the sincerity of a faithful heart and an ardent soul. They can recollect the strength of his friendship and the tenderness of his nature, and the recollection of all these will ever be an inspiration."

VISITATIONS.

On March 11, 1898, I made a Grand Visitation to Harrisburg Consistory, and was received with becoming honors and a most cordial greeting. It was my privilege to witness the 21° conferred in a most admirable manner. At the earnest request of the Ill. Commander-in-Chief, Ill. Owen M. Copelin, 32°, and quite unexpectedly to myself, I conferred the 32° for them. The brethren, one and all, whom I had the pleasure of meeting, and especially Ill. Samuel W. Fleming, 32°, Past M. W. and P. Master; Ill. Harry M. Van Zandt, 32°, Past Ill. Commander-in-Chief, and Ill. Bro. Casper Dull, 32°, made my visit a most delightful one socially. I found Ill. Jacob P. Barringer, 32°, the Ill. Grand Secretary, a most intelligent and painstaking officer, which is always a great comfort to the presiding officer, as well as a security to the Rite. Altogether, my reception was so generous that I

shall, if possible, repeat the experience before long. They have a fine property of their own, fitted up in the most approved and convenient manner, and their prospects are very encouraging.

While I have, up to the present, almost always been present at the meetings of the Bodies of Pittsburg, yet it seemed proper for me to make a visit in my official capacity, and I did so on June 24, 1898, to Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, accompanied by Ill. George W. Guthrie, 33°; George P. Balmain, 33°; A. V. Holmes, 33°; A. B. Wigley, 33°, and George C. Johnstone, 33°. There was a good attendance for the night, which was very warm, and your Deputy was received with the honors due to his office. It would be invidious for me to make further reference, as I am a member of the Bodies.

In my last address to you the Bodies at Scranton were delinquent for $20 for dues. I am pleased to say that they subsequently paid this amount, and it was promptly paid over to our Grand Secretary-General, on my return from the last session of the Council of Deliberation.

On December 1, 1897, I issued the following, with my seal of office attached, viz.:—

WHEREAS, At a stated meeting of Caldwell Consistory, meeting in the Valley of Bloomsburg, on August 20, 1897, you tendered your resignation as Ill. Commander-in-Chief of the said Consistory, and the same was accepted; and

WHEREAS, Article 36, Section 3, of the Supreme Council Constitution, empowers the Deputy to suspend the functions of any officer of any Subordinate Body;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby suspend you from the functions of your office as Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Caldwell Consistory, meeting in the Valley of Bloomsburg, and we do request and require you to deliver forthwith to the Ill. First Lieutenant Commander of the said Caldwell Consistory, who will succeed to your office under Article 84 of the Supreme Council Constitution, all the books, papers and property of every kind in your possession, by virtue of your said office.

Given under our hand and seal at our Orient of Pittsburg, this sixth day of the Hebrew month Kislev, A. M. 5658, answering to the first day of December in the year of our Lord 1897.

And on December 9, 1897, I transmitted the original to the Ill. Commander-in-Chief and a duplicate thereof to the Ill. First Lieutenant Commander of the Consistory, with letters, as follows :—

To the Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

Dear Sir and Brother :—I am informed by the Ill. Grand Secretary that at a stated meeting of the Consistory on August 20, 1897, you tendered your resignation as Ill. Commander-in-Chief thereof, and the same was accepted.

In order to give effect to your desire as contained in your resignation to be relieved of your office, I now inclose you a formal suspension from the functions of the office, of which I will send the Ill. First Lieutenant Commander a duplicate for his guidance.

When I visit your city, I trust I may meet you, as I regretted very much not having been able to do so when I was there in August.

With kindest wishes.

To the First Lieutenant Commander.

Dear Sir and Brother :—I am informed by the Ill. Grand Secretary of Caldwell Consistory that at the stated meeting thereof, on August 20, 1897, the Ill. Commander-in-Chief tendered a resignation of his office and the same was accepted. In order to give effect to his desire to be relieved of his office and render his resignation operative, I have sent him a formal suspension from the functions of the office, of which I now send you a duplicate, which you will present at the next meeting of the Consistory, and have spread in full upon the minutes.

Your attention is directed to Article 84 of the Supreme Council Constitution, by virtue of which you succeed to, and are invested with, the title, and are possessed of all the powers and prerogatives of Illustrious Commander-in-Chief of Caldwell Consistory, meeting in the Valley of Bloomsburg, until the next regular election thereof.

The vacancy created in the office of Ill. First Lieutenant Commander has since been filled.

The returns from the Bodies in the District to the 30th of June, 1898, show work done as follows :—

	Initiates.	Present Membership.
Pennsylvania Consistory	136	1,303
Philadelphia Consistory	76	897
Harrisburg Consistory	18	276
Caldwell Consistory	3	298
Keystone Consistory	7	94
Five Consistories	240	2,868
Pittsburg Chapter Rose Croix	137	1,307
Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix	75	903
Harrisburg Chapter Rose Croix	18	261
Evergreen Chapter Rose Croix	3	309
Keystone Chapter Rose Croix	7	95
Calvary Chapter Rose Croix	3	37
Coudersport Chapter Rose Croix (U. D.)	80	93
Seven Chapters	323	3,005
Pennsylvania Council, P. of J.	138	1,318
De Joinville Council, P. of J.	75	925
Harrisburg Council, P. of J.	18	264
Zerubbabel Council, P. of J.	3	300
Keystone Council, P. of J.	7	100
Hayden Council, P. of J.	5	39
Coudersport Council, P. of J. (U. D.)	80	94
Seven Councils	326	3,040
Gourgas Lodge of Perfection	138	1,303
Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection	77	939
Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection	28	272
Enoch Lodge of Perfection	3	311
Lancaster Lodge of Perfection	10	128
Keystone Lodge of Perfection	11	130
Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection	18	172
Towanda Lodge of Perfection	4	69
Coudersport Lodge of Perfection	23	142
Nine Lodges	312	3,466
Grand total	1,201	12,379
Previous year	975	11,376
Gain	226	1,003

During the year the following changes were made in our membership:—

	Deaths.	Withdrawn or Dropped.	Affiliations and Restorations.
Consistories	37	23	6
Chapters	38	26	6
Councils	39	29	6
Lodges	40	36	8
Total	154	114	26

On September 9, 1897, I remitted to Ill. Clinton F. Paige, 33°, Ill. Grand Secretary-General, $22, fees collected from Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, and on August 3, 1898, I remitted him $2,351.50, making a total of fees and dues collected by me for returns to June 30, 1898, as follows:—

1.—VALLEY OF PITTSBURG.

	Initiates. No.	Initiates. Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Pennsylvania Consistory	136	$408 00	$5 00	$413 00	
Pittsburg Chapter Rose Croix	137	205 50	5 00	210 50	
Penna. Council, P. of J.	138	207 00	5 00	212 00	
Gourgas Lodge of Perfection	138	276 00	5 00	281 00	
		$1,096 50	$20 00		$1,116 50

2.—VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA.

	Initiates. No.	Initiates. Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Philadelphia Consistory	76	$228 00	$5 00	$233 00	
Kilwinning Chapter Rose Croix	75	112 50	5 00	117 50	
De Joinville Council, P. of J.	75	112 50	5 00	117 50	
Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection	77	154 00	5 00	159 00	
		$607 00	$20 00		627 00

3.—VALLEY OF HARRISBURG.

	Initiates. No.	Initiates. Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Harrisburg Consistory	18	$54 00	$5 00	$59 00	
Harrisburg Chapter Rose Croix	18	27 00	5 00	32 00	
Harrisburg Council, P. of J.	18	27 00	5 00	32 00	
Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection	28	56 00	5 00	61 00	
		$164 00	$20 00		184 00

4.—VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Caldwell Consistory . . .	3	$9 00	$5 00	$14 00	
Evergreen Chapter Rose Croix	3	4 50	5 00	9 50	
Zerubbabel Council, P. of J.	3	4 50	5 00	9 50	
Enoch Lodge of Perfection .	3	6 00	5 00	11 00	
		$24 00	$20 00		$44 00

5.—VALLEY OF LANCASTER.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Lancaster Lodge of Perfection	10	$20 00	$5 00		25 00

6.—VALLEY OF ERIE.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection	18	$36 00	$5 00		41 00

7.—VALLEY OF TOWANDA.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Calvary Chapter Rose Croix	3	$4 50	$5 00	$9 50	
Hayden Council, P. of J. .	5	7 50	5 00	12 50	
Towanda Lodge of Perfection	4	8 00	5 00	13 00	
		$20 00	$15 00		35 00

8.—VALLEY OF COUDERSPORT.

	Initiates. No.	Amount.	Dues.	Total.	
Coudersport Chapter Rose Croix	80	$120 00	$5 00	$125 00	
Coudersport Council, P. of J.	80	120 00	5 00	125 00	
Coudersport Lodge of Perfection	23	46 00	5 00	51 00	
		$286 00	$15 00		301 00

Grand total	$2,373 50
Previous year	2,062 50
Increase	$311 00

The Bodies in the Valley of Scranton have not yet remitted me the $82 for which they are indebted for fees and dues.

To indicate the growth of the Rite in Pennsylvania and the favor with which it is regarded, I have compiled the following exhibit for the past nine years, and have thought it would not be unprofitable to introduce it here, viz.:—

SCHEDULE OF WORK DONE SINCE 1890, INCLUSIVE.

Consistories.	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	
Pennsylvania	116	84	95	103	38	97	160	106	136	935
Philadelphia	40	81	62	75	78	48	74	51	76	585
Harrisburg	24	25	27	29	34	8	25	53	18	243
Caldwell	6	8	5	16	20	9	6	2	3	75
Keystone	13	33	12	3	6	5	1	..	7	80
	199	231	201	226	176	167	266	212	240	1,918
Chapters.										
Pittsburg	116	83	95	104	38	97	159	106	137	935
Kilwinning	39	83	60	80	77	46	76	51	75	587
Harrisburg	24	27	27	29	17	8	26	52	18	228
Evergreen	6	8	5	16	20	9	6	2	3	75
Keystone	13	33	12	3	6	5	1	..	7	80
Calvary	..	..	..	29	1	..	..	..	3	33
Coudersport	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	80	80
	198	234	199	261	159	165	268	211	323	2,018
Councils.										
Pennsylvania	97	85	97	101	40	93	160	108	138	919
De Joinville	49	78	65	80	82	45	77	54	75	605
Harrisburg	24	27	29	29	18	8	25	52	18	230
Zerubbabel	6	8	5	16	20	9	6	2	3	75
Keystone	20	33	14	3	5	5	1	..	7	88
Hayden	..	..	..	29	1	..	..	..	5	35
Coudersport	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	80	80
	196	231	210	258	166	160	269	216	326	2,032
Lodges.										
Gourgas	103	73	92	96	52	80	151	110	138	895
Philadelphia	50	91	51	83	80	47	79	53	77	611
Harrisburg	24	27	33	31	17	12	22	51	28	245
Enoch	7	8	5	16	20	9	6	2	3	76
Lancaster	7	6	12	6	3	2	10	7	10	63
Keystone	15	24	13	3	11	4	..	..	11	81
Presque Isle	13	4	23	12	8	13	15	4	18	110
Towanda	4	9	..	4	1	4	1	3	4	30
Coudersport	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	23	131
	223	242	229	251	192	171	284	338	312	2,242
	816	938	839	996	693	663	1,087	977	1,201	8,210

Our Bodies continue to work in harmony, and their business affairs, as reported to me, seem to be conducted with exceptional regularity, and, in two or more instances, very large sums have been accumulated and invested for a permanent fund; but all of our Bodies, I regret to say, do not seem to be doing work that the exercise of jurisdiction in territory covered by their Valleys legitimately demands, and it might be a matter for consideration if some way might be found whereby a Body would be required to do a reasonable amount of work within a limit of, say, two years, or show cause to the Supreme Council why another existing Body should not be given concurrent jurisdiction in their territory at least. There is a vast difference between a wisely conservative Body and a dormant Body.

On two occasions I received requests for dispensations to receive and act on petitions for membership out of the regular course, and in both cases declined to grant them.

The Committee Upon Divisions of Jurisdiction within the District reported at our last session, and action thereon was very wisely deferred for a year to give time for proper consideration and amendments, inasmuch as the report merely defined the limits geographically, as nearly as possible, within the existing provisions of the Supreme Council Constitution.

A committee consisting of Ill. James H. Codding, 33°; Ill. Frank M. Highley, 33°, and Ill. Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°, was appointed at our last session to prepare and submit a form of minutes to be used by the Bodies of the Rite within the District.

It is most gratifying to me to be able to state to you that all of our Bodies have paid their dues to the Council of Deliberation for 1897.

Now, turning to affairs of the Rite throughout our Northern Jurisdiction-at-large, as given in the proceedings of the eighty-sixth annual session of our Supreme Council, held at

Cincinnati, Ohio, commencing on September 20, 1898, there were forty-three Active members of the Supreme Council present, including Ill. Enoch Terry Carson, 33°, Deputy for Ohio, and in relation to whom our Secretary-General makes the following feeling reference in connection with the roll-call: "At the calling of the name of Ill. Bro. Carson, all hearts were stirred and all eyes were dimmed, when the well-remembered and much-beloved voice responded, 'here!'" Those who were present will always remember this most touching incident, and particularly so those of Pennsylvania, who look to our venerable and much-beloved brother as, in a peculiar sense, one of the founders of the Rite in the District of Pennsylvania. I feel sure that you will all concur with me in the hope that this great man, whose name we venerate, may always be conscious of the affection of his brethren, especially of Pennsylvania, which he will always possess.

There were also present one hundred Honorary members of the Supreme Council, and representatives from the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America as follows:—

Ill. Martin Collins, 33°, Grand Minister of State,
Ill. William Oscar Roome, 33°,
Ill. Francis J. Woodman, 33°,
Ill. Allison Nailor, Jr., 33°,
Ill. Frank M. Johnson, 33°,
Ill. James B. Merritt, 33°,

and the various representatives of other Supreme Councils were introduced and welcomed.

In his annual address, our Sovereign Grand Commander gave us the following information:—

The total membership at the close of the Masonic year:—

Consistories	22,406
Chapters of Rose Croix	22,899
Councils of Princes of Jerusalem	23,464
Lodges of Perfection	26,187

The usual comparative statement of degrees conferred in each of the several Districts of the Jurisdiction during the past year, compiled from the returns by the Grand Secretary-General, is herewith submitted :—

SCHEDULE OF WORK DONE FOR THE YEAR 1898, AS COMPARED WITH RETURNS OF CORRESPONDING TABLE FOR 1897.

States.	Initiates from July 1, 1896, to July 1, 1897.				Initiates from July 1, 1897, to July 1, 1898.			
	14°	16°	18°	32°	14°	16°	18°	32°
Maine	83	87	71	63	73	43	33	36
New Hampshire	83	83	84	84	29	30	31	33
Vermont . . .	14	6	6	6	10	20	20	20
Massachusetts .	185	147	146	125	149	111	104	103
Rhode Island .	25	21	21	19	50	23	23	26
Connecticut . .	69	67	66	63	70	71	71	71
New York . .	343	324	315	320	263	268	269	266
New Jersey . .	65	62	63	61	78	79	78	77
Pennsylvania .	338	216	211	212	312	326	323	240
Ohio	218	209	216	194	231	216	216	206
Michigan . . .	93	84	85	68	108	101	101	98
Indiana . . .	235	196	200	200	223	217	203	204
Illinois	160	155	154	152	187	176	175	177
Wisconsin . .	49	49	49	40	79	79	79	80
	1,960	1,706	1,687	1,616	1,831	1,760	1,726	1,637

In speaking of the reports of Deputies, he said most felicitously: "It can be safely stated that in any Jurisdiction in which the Subordinate Bodies of the Rite and their members need nothing from their Deputy but the performance of routine duties, the Rite in that Jurisdiction is in a most desirable condition, and the Deputy for the District and the officers and members of the Subordinate Bodies are entitled to congratulations."

He paid most fitting tribute to the memory of our departed brethren.

On the 11th day of May, 1898, Ill. Bro. Nicholas Coulson, 33°, of Detroit, was appointed and duly commissioned as Marshal of the Camp

to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ill. Bro. Ozias W. Shipman, 33°, of Detroit.

July 14, 1898, Ill. Bro. Samuel C. Lawrence, 33°, of Boston, Mass., an Active member of the Supreme Council, was duly appointed and commissioned as Grand Lieutenant Commander to fill the vacancy in that office caused by the death of Ill. Bro. Charles Levi Woodbury, 33°.

On July 18, 1898, Ill. Bro. Nicholas R. Ruckle, 33°, of Indianapolis, Ind., an Active member of the Supreme Council, was duly appointed and commissioned as Grand Minister of State to fill the vacancy existing in that office, occasioned by the promotion of Ill. Bro. Lawrence to the position of Grand Lieutenant Commander.

He stated that it became the duty of the Supreme Council to fill the two latter places by election at the present session, and also

As human life is constantly subject to a great variety of vicissitudes, and is liable in any given case to terminate at any moment, and as a time may come when both the offices of Grand Commander and Grand Lieutenant Commander may become and may be vacant at the same time, it may be well to consider whether it would not be wise to provide for a further succession to the office of Grand Commander, so that there may be more than one life between the Grand Commander and a complete lapse of his powers and prerogatives.

In regard to foreign relations, our Sovereign Grand Commander stated that the fraternal relations which have hitherto existed between this Supreme Council and the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, and those of other nations with which we are in correspondence, remain unbroken; no controversy has arisen between this Supreme Council and any of the legitimate Supreme Councils of the world.

He also referred to an annual conference of the Supreme Councils of England, Scotland and Ireland, at which Ill. Brother John Corson Smith, 33°, Deputy for Illinois, was present, and presented the Sovereign Grand Commander's greeting, which was most cordially received.

In speaking of the Supreme Council of Mexico, he said as follows: "Since our last meeting we have received several

communications from the Supreme Council for Mexico, all of which are now presented, and to some of which your attention is invited."

One of these, received soon after the destruction of the United States battleship "Maine" in the harbor of Havana, advises us of the extreme pain with which our brethren of Mexico received the information of this great misfortune, and that feeling that among the victims of the disaster there must have been many Masonic brethren belonging to our Jurisdiction, they express their "loyal sentiments of condolence," and assure us that funeral honors had already been paid to the memory of the brethren lost in the catastrophe.

Two balustres, dated respectively April 17, 1898, and June 26, 1898, give notice of the expulsion from their Masonic rights of Brothers :—

Robert E. Chism, 32° ; Saturnino Lopez, 33° ; Miguel Corsolia, 33° ; Benito Noriega, 18° ; and P. Pellicier, 14°, all members of the Rite of Obedience to the Supreme Council of Mexico.

A balustre, bearing date April 20, 1898, has also been received from this Supreme Council, which referring to its decree No. 32, May 27, 1883 (to which I have not access at this time, but which, it is understood, relates to the status of Scottish Rite and Symbolic Masonry in Mexico), states that the Supreme Council of Mexico proposes to lend its fraternal aid in order to see if it is possible, with the co-operation of American Masonry, to unite the Symbol and cause it to be respected among ourselves, and was pleased to resolve upon five propositions therein set forth.

These propositions were :—

First.—To inform the various Masonic Bodies that in the whole National territory of Mexico the legal action of the same is in dispute, and the Supreme Council of Mexico desires that they may all unite in a Masonic Convention with the Grand Lodges which exist in the United States (of Mexico), in order that they may come to an agreement and decide on the foundation of one or more Grand Lodges

which may occupy the territory and direct Symbolism in the whole Mexican Republic.

Second.—To communicate these resolutions to the Supreme Council for the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions of the United States and to all Grand Lodges existing there, for their fraternal action, if they approve.

Third.—To make it known to the Supreme Councils and the Grand Lodges of our Republic that the Supreme Council of Mexico is ready to lend its moral support to the Convention, without attempting to impair in the slightest degree the independence of Symbolism decreed by it May 27, 1883, by its Bulletin No. 32.

Fourth.—To communicate these resolutions to all Masonic Bodies in the Jurisdiction, that is in the Republic of Mexico, that they may lend their moral assistance to the consolidation of Symbolic Masonry throughout the National territory of Mexico.

Fifth.—To provide for the appointment of an Executive Commission to endeavor to accomplish the purposes indicated in the resolutions, to wit: the consolidation of Masonry in Mexico by fraternal means.

The Commission thus provided for was appointed, consisting of Ill. Bros. General Jesus Alonzo Flores, Dr. W. H. Keller and General José de la Paz Aharez, counselor-at-law.

I quote the closing paragraph at length as follows:—

I have the honor to communicate the foregoing to you in order that, should the propositions agreed upon meet with your approval, you may be pleased to place yourselves in concert with the Commission charged with this important matter, with whom, in such case, you will please co-operate.

We have also received from this Supreme Council balustre No. 1, fourth series, dated April 28, 1898, containing a tableau of the newly-elected officers for the current term.

I made this full reference to Mexico in particular because so many members of the Rite in our District of Pennsylvania have associations with that country, and it will be interesting to them to be informed of the status of matters there.

Among the representatives of foreign Councils received and accredited appears the name of Ill. George W. Guthrie, 33°, of Pittsburg, Pa., as representative of the Supreme Council of Uruguay.

A large number of letters were received from those who could not attend, including 127 Honorary members of our own Supreme Council.

The Supreme Council adopted the following resolution of greeting to Bro. Murton, of Canada, to whom reference has already been made, viz.:—

Resolved, That this Supreme Council reciprocates in the strongest manner the fraternal greetings of M. P. John W. Murton, Sov. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of Canada, and tenders its sympathy in his illness, and its hopes of his speedy recovery to health, and that we may have the great privilege of greeting him in person at our next annual session.

An election was held to fill the vacancies in office caused by death and expiration of term of office, with the following result:—

Ill. Samuel C. Lawrence was unanimously elected to the office of P. Lieutenant Grand Commander, in place of Ill. Charles L. Woodbury, deceased.

Ill. Nicholas R. Ruckle was unanimously elected to the office of Grand Minister of State, to fill the vacancy caused by the advancement of Ill. Samuel C. Lawrence to the office of P. Lieutenant Grand Commander.

Ill. John L. Stettinius was unanimously re-elected a Trustee of the Permanent Fund, for the full term of seven years, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of his present term of office as such Trustee.

Ill. Newton D. Arnold was unanimously elected a Trustee of the Permanent Fund, to fill the unexpired term of Ill. Charles Levi Woodbury, deceased.

Ill. Daniel W. Lawrence was elected an Active member of the Supreme Council for the State and District of Massachusetts, and he was subsequently crowned.

At the evening session of the first day, the 33d and last degree was conferred on thirty-six Illustrious Princes of the Royal Secret, including Ill. James W. Brown and Ill. Alfred S. Bishop, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Ill. George Hale, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Ill. James H. Codding, 33°, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :—

Resolved, That legislation by Councils of Deliberation increasing the minimum fees for conferring the degrees of the Rite within any District, in the jurisdiction of this Council, is, under existing constitutional regulations, *ultra vires* and void.

ARGUMENT.

Constitution, Article 57.—The Council has in its District legislative and judicial power, not herein reserved, to the Supreme Council, and not inconsistent with the Constitution and Regulations.

Article 94 establishes a schedule of minimum fees, and by Section 2 provides, "No Consistory, Chapter, Council or Lodge shall confer any of the degrees for any less sum than is prescribed by these Constitutions, but may increase the amount at their pleasure."

Here, therefore, the power to increase is expressly given to the Subordinate Bodies themselves, and by a reasonable construction the authority there given to them is reserved from the Councils of Deliberation. "*Expressio unius est exclusio alterius.*"

Further light may be obtained by examination of successive legislation.

The Constitution of 1867, in establishing "District meetings," gave them advisory powers only. In 1869, Councils of Deliberation obtained legislative and judicial functions, with power expressly granted to "fix the minimum rate for conferring degrees within the District told (sic), not less than the amount prescribed in the Constitution."

By the revision of 1883 the power to levy taxes was retained, but the clause authorizing control over minimum fees, which had been a part

of the same section, was omitted and has not since been restored. The omission was a repeal, and revived no preceding powers.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution presented by Ill. James H. Codding, 33°, presented the following report, the same was received and recommendations unanimously adopted —

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution of Ill. Bro. Codding, in regard to Councils of Deliberation increasing the fees for conferring the degrees of the Rite, beg leave to report:—

Prior to the adoption of the present Constitution, Councils of Deliberation had the power to regulate the fees for conferring the grades, but when the present Constitution was adopted the Supreme Council changed the law and adopted Section 94, regulating the minimum fees to be charged for confering the degrees. As the law now stands the several Bodies of the Rite have power to fix the fees to be paid for the degrees in their several Jurisdictions, which, however, must in no case be less than the fees fixed by Article 94 of the Constitution.

Where Councils of Deliberation had fixed the fees prior to the enactment of the present Constitution, the fees remained the same as regulated by the Councils of Deliberation, and which sums they can change as they may deem proper, subject, however, to the fees as fixed by Article 94, aforesaid.

Councils of Deliberation can only legislate upon the powers expressly granted to them, and the power to regulate the fees to be paid for the degrees is not granted to them, and on the contrary, the Supreme Council having fixed the payment of fees, must govern.

Your committee is of the opinion that the law, as it now stands, is a just one, and permits the several Bodies to regulate the fees as the circumstances of this Jurisdiction demand and of which they are the best judges.

Our Grand Commander appointed Ill. Barton Smith, 33°, on the Committee of Jurisprudence, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Ill. Charles Levi Woodbury, 33°, and also appointed Hugh McCurdy, 33°, as Chairman of said committee.

Grand Secretary-General submitted his annual report, from which is taken the following statement in regard to Pennsylvania :—

PENNSYLVANIA.	No. of Members July 1, 1897.	Deaths.	Withdrawn or Dropped from Roll.	Affiliations and Restorations.	Initiations.	Total Membership July 1, 1898.
Consistories.						
Pennsylvania	1,180	11	7	5	136	1,303
Philadelphia	850	20	10	1	76	897
Harrisburg	262	3	1	..	18	276
Caldwell	298	2	1	..	3	298
Keystone	91	..	5	..	7	93
Chapters.						
Pittsburg	1,183	11	7	5	137	1,307
Kilwinning	858	20	11	1	75	903
Evergreen	309	3	..	..	3	309
Harrisburg	248	3	2	..	18	261
Keystone	93	..	5	..	7	95
Calvary	35	..	1	..	3	37
Coudersport, "U. D."	..	1	..	..	80	79
Councils.						
Pennsylvania	1,193	11	7	5	138	1,318
De Joinville	883	20	14	1	75	925
Harrisburg	251	3	2	..	18	264
Zerubbabel	300	3	..	..	3	300
Keystone	98	..	5	..	7	100
Hayden	35	..	1	..	5	39
Coudersport, "U. D."	..	1	..	..	80	79
Lodges.						
Gourgas	1,173	10	2	4	138	1,303
Philadelphia	894	19	14	1	77	939
Harrisburg	248	3	1	..	28	272
Enoch	310	3	..	1	3	311
Lancaster	125	2	5	..	10	128
Keystone	124	..	5	..	11	130
Presque Isle	164	2	8	..	18	172
Towanda	66	..	1	..	4	69
Coudersport	108	1	..	12	23	142

PENNSYLVANIA.	No. of Members July 1, 1897.	No. of Members July 1, 1898.
Five Consistories	2,681	2,867
Seven Chapters of Rose Croix	2,726	2,991
Seven Councils of Princes of Jerusalem	2,760	2,025
Nine Lodges of Perfection	3,212	3,466

The report of the Committee on Councils of Deliberation and Reports of Deputies contained the following reference :—

These reports, taken as a whole, afford an exhibit of satisfactory progress in all those features that combine to make our beloved Rite all that we could desire. Improvement in the exemplification of the Ritual, facilities, equipment and experience are potent factors in producing these most desirable results. Where there is such a condition of harmony as now exists throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, and such unanimity among the brethren and the Bodies of the Rite, it is impossible for your committee to interest you with any new features, or startle you with any extraordinary incidents.

Ill. Clinton F. Paige, 33°, Grand Secretary-General, presented a magnificent registry of the names—22,406—of the members of the Consistories of our Jurisdiction, in two volumes, classified, prepared and written by himself. It is truly a remarkable work, and bears continued testimony to the great services of this veteran of the Rite, and it is to be hoped that it may be the privilege of many of our members to avail themselves of an opportunity for its inspection at his office in New York.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws submitted the following report, which was received and unanimously adopted :—

The Committee on Constitution and Laws, to which was referred the proposed amendment to the Constitution, to strike out the words "in the same State," in the third line in the first section in Article 89 of the Constitution, have considered the same and ask leave to report that while in several localities the proposed amendment would probably promote the welfare of the Rite, yet in other localities it would operate adversely, and considering the whole matter your committee are constrained to report against the adoption of the amendment. Grand Lodges of Symbolic Masonry, and the other Bodies founded upon it, make State lines the bounds of jurisdiction.

This Supreme Council has adopted the same policy by creating each State a District, and giving to it a Council of Deliberation and a Deputy with jurisdiction in the District, and invested with important powers of legislation in relation to local matters, so that our Councils of Deliberation have come to take, in most matters, the place of Grand Bodies of other Rites.

Masons, too, have become accustomed to consider the Bodies in whose Jurisdiction they reside as the natural and fit ones in which they should apply for the degrees. The proposed amendment, taken in connection with the rest of the article, compels candidates who live nearer to a Body in another State than to one in their own State, to go out of the State to receive the degrees.

In quite a number of localities, as your committee are informed, candidates would be compelled to go out of their State, when the facilities for reaching the Bodies to whom they must apply would be but little better than those for reaching the Bodies in their own State.

In addition, the Masonic associates of candidates are almost always found in the Masonic Bodies of their own State, who know the candidates, and are best qualified to pass upon their fitness to become members of our Rite.

The other part of the proposed amendment takes away from Councils of Deliberation the power they now have of regulating the jurisdiction of Bodies in their respective Districts, and is proposed only to carry into effect the other part of the amendment, and unless that should be adopted there is no necessity for this.

The committee, therefore, recommends that the amendment be not adopted. Fraternally submitted,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
JOHN L. STETTINIUS, 33°,
ROBERT E. PATTERSON, 33°,
JOHN C. SMITH, 33°,
MARSH O. PERKINS, 33°,
Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws made the following report, which was received, and recommendations adopted:—

The Committee on Constitution and Laws, to which was referred the proposed amendment, to insert in the fourth line of Section 4 of Article 89, after the word "jurisdiction" the words, or "Deputy of the State in which he resides," and to strike out the words, "as between the cities of New York and Brooklyn," have considered the same and recommend that the amendment be adopted.

Fraternally submitted, JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
JOHN L. STETTINIUS, 33°,
ROBERT E. PATTERSON, 33°,
JOHN C. SMITH, 33°,
MARSH O. PERKINS, 33°,
Committee.

On the invitation of the brethren from Philadelphia, the Supreme Council selected that place for its next session.

The Committee on Deceased Members submitted a beautiful tribute to the memory of Ill. Charles Levi Woodbury, 33°, from which I have already quoted.

The Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matters submitted the following report, which was received, and resolutions approved:—

To the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander:—

The Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Secretary-General, in accordance with his recommendation made at the last session of this Supreme Council, be authorized to prepare and promulgate, under the supervision of the Committee on Rituals, the secret work of the Council, Chapter and Consistory, in a form similar to that promulgated for the use of Lodges of Perfection.

Resolved, That the Committee on Rituals and Ritualistic Matter be authorized to prepare a revision of the 30th, 31st and 32d Grades, and submit the same at the next session of the Supreme Council for action, transmitting them in the interim to such of the Active members as may desire them, and that in the meantime it be enjoined upon Consistories to keep all the incidents in degrees consistent with the scope of the degrees respectively.

N. R. Ruckle, 33°,
C. M. Cottrill, 33°,
Brenton D. Babcock, 33°,
James Isaac Buchanan, 33°,
C. F. Paige, 33°,
Committee.

Forty Illustrious Princes of the Royal Secret were balloted for and elected to receive the 33°, including Ill. Samuel I. Givin, 32°, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Ill. Henry H. Arnold, 32°, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Ill. Harry W. Dunlap, 32°, of Allegheny, Pa.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted:—

That we recommend that charters be granted to Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix,

now working under dispensation, the petition having been approved by the Council of Deliberation and Illustrious Deputy for the State of Pennsylvania.

We also recommend that a charter be granted to Rockland Council Princes of Jerusalem, at Rockland, Me., now under dispensation, the petition having been approved by the Council of Deliberation and Illustrious Deputy for the State.

We further recommend that should the Supreme Council grant charters to the above Bodies, they be authorized to continue to work under dispensation until such charters are provided.

CHAS. W. CARTER, 33°,
JOS. W. SMITH, 33°,
Committee.

and the report was subsequently amended to include a charter for Rockland Lodge of Perfection.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws presented the following amendment, which was unanimously adopted:—

"Amend Article 31 of the Constitution by inserting after the word 'Constitution,' in the first line of the ninth page of the printed copy, the following:—

"'And in case of the death or resignation of both of said officers, the duties and powers of the M. P. Sovereign Commander shall devolve upon the Ill. Grand Minister of State as Acting Grand Commander until the next annual session of the Supreme Council, when the vacancies shall be filled by election for the unexpired term.'"

And submitted the following, to be acted upon at the next session:—

"Provided, however, that the M. P. Sov. Grand Commander, if he shall deem that the interests of the Rite will be promoted thereby, may confer the grade during the recess upon a candidate elected at a previous annual session."

The Committee on Constitution and Laws submitted the following report, which was received, and the recommendations adopted:—

The Committee on Constitution, etc., to which was referred the proposed amendment adding Section 5 to Article 89, would report that another amendment adopted at this session is in conflict with this

proposed amendment, and they therefore recommend that it be not adopted.

The same is true of the amendment printed on page 120 of the Transactions for 1897, and they therefore recommend that the amendment be rejected.

Fraternally submitted,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
JOHN L. STETTINIUS, 33°,
JOHN C. SMITH, 33°,
ROBERT E. PATTERSON, 33°,
MARSH O. PERKINS, 33°,
Committee.

The Committee on State of the Rite submitted the following report, which was received, and recommendations adopted:—

To the Supreme Council:—

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Sov. Grand Commander, relating to the Supreme Council of Mexico and the documents accompanying the same, desire to report that they have given the subject such consideration as they deem necessary, and are of the opinion that the effort of the Supreme Council of Mexico to take action and endeavor to promote a better understanding of the true condition and purposes of the Symbolic Lodges in that Jurisdiction is a most commendable course to pursue.

To us it appears to be dictated by a very friendly, courteous and fraternal spirit, which shows a desire to use the strength and power of the said Supreme Council to improve the condition of Symbolic Freemasonry in every way possible, and at the same time being careful to not infringe upon the rights and prerogatives of the Lodges and Grand Lodges, which are fully and carefully recognized as being beyond the power of the Supreme Council to interfere with in any manner whatever.

Such action being in harmony with the spirit prevailing in the management of the affairs of our Supreme Council in the past, meets with the hearty approval of your committee.

Your committee recognizes the great difference in the conditions existing in the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council of Mexico and those in our territory, in relation to matters pertaining to Ancient Craft Freemasonry, and is of the opinion that this Supreme Council cannot at this

time, with its present information on the subject, endeavor to do more than to fully and earnestly approve the action had, and express the hope for its entire success in bringing harmony, unanimity and concord to all engaged in the upbuilding of this great institution in our sister Jurisdiction.

Courteously submitted,

GILBERT W. BARNARD, 33°,
JAMES H. CODDING, 33°,
CHARLES C. DAME, 33°,
Committee.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws presented the following report, which was received, and recommendations adopted:—

IN SUPREME COUNCIL, September 22, 1898.

The Committee on Constitution and Laws has had before it the proposal of amendment to the Constitution, providing for an increase of the minimum fees for conferring the degrees, and would courteously report:—

That the proposed amendment received the careful consideration of the committee at the last annual session of the Supreme Council, and by a unanimous vote it was reported upon adversely. The subject-matter and report were laid upon the table by the Supreme Council after some discussion.

After renewed careful consideration of the amendment, the committee can but courteously and unanimously renew their recommendation that the same be not adopted. While the Constitution fixes the minimum fees for the degrees, it also authorizes the Subordinate Bodies of the Rite to increase them at their pleasure.

In the belief of the committee the adoption of the proposed amendment would be detrimental to the best interests of the Rite in some Districts, and as all are protected by the constitutional authority to increase the minimum, when advisable, it is deemed now, as heretofore, inexpedient to adopt the amendment.

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, 33°,
JOHN L. STETTINIUS, 33°,
JOHN C. SMITH, 33°,
ROBERT E. PATTERSON, 33°,
MARSH O. PERKINS, 33°,
Committee.

Ill. Samuel C. Lawrence, 33°, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, presented the usual report, with the several investments, which were unanimously approved.

Beginning with the balance on hand September 21, 1897, amounting to $1,375.94, the report shows total receipts, including said balance, of $31,632.94, which was invested, with the exception of a balance left on hand of $1,268.98. The Permanent Fund of the Supreme Council consists of a total of $181,268.98, including the balance of cash on hand.

The Committee on Finance presented the usual report, which was unanimously approved and its recommendations adopted. Total receipts from fees, dues, diplomas, etc., $22,191.25.

The Grand Treasurer-General presented the usual report, showing for the year total receipts, from all sources, amounting to $30,578.20, and expenditures amounting to $22,386.35, and additions to the Permanent Fund, $16,074.29. Total outlay for everything, $38,460.64.

The following tabular statement shows receipts of all the dues from Subordinate Bodies for the fiscal year ending September 19, 1898:—

DUES OF 1898.

	Unpaid.	Paid.
Maine		$453 00
New Hampshire		313 50
Vermont		195 00
Massachusetts		1,009 50
Rhode Island		210 00
Connecticut		649 50
New York	$5 00	2,364 50
New Jersey	15 00	692 50
Pennsylvania	84 00	2,373 50
Ohio		1,833 00
Michigan		883 00
Indiana		1,718 00
Illinois		1,511 50
Wisconsin		655 00
Total	$104 00	$14,861 50

DELINQUENT BODIES.

Northern Star Lodge of Perfection, New York	$5 00
New Brunswick Bodies, New Jersey	15 00
Scranton Bodies, Pennsylvania	84 00
Total	$104 00

The committee recommended the following appropriations, with the understanding that the unexpended balances shall be covered into the Treasury:—

For Printing Proceedings of 1898	$2,000 00
For Printing Rituals	400 00
For Printing Balustres, etc.	200 00
For Printing Patents, Diplomas and Certificates	1,200 00
For Tucks for Diplomas	400 00
For Rent of Headquarters and Archives	600 00
For Rent of Grand Secretary's Office	1,100 00
For the Contingent Fund of the Grand Secretariat	400 00
For the Expenses of the Grand Secretary-General	500 00
For the Salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary-General	1,800 00
For Engrossing Diplomas, etc.	1,200 00
For Paraphernalia, Regalia, etc.	500 00
For Stationery, Postage, etc.	350 00
For Copying and Translating Documents	150 00
For Archives	600 00
For Insurance and Fidelity Bonds	200 00
For Jewels for Active Members	350 00
For Jewels for Foreign Representatives	1,500 00
For Jewels for Foreign Honorary Members	600 00
For Special Sessions	200 00
For Donations and Funeral Expenses	500 00
For Contingencies	500 00
Total	$15,250 00

The action of the Supreme Council makes void Article 8 of our Rules and Regulations. It should be made to correspond with the provisions of Article 94 of the Constitution of the Supreme Council.

It has been my regret that, from various causes, I have been unable, during the past year, to make visitations to all the Bodies of the Rite in our District.

Having presented to you such matters as have seemed desirable to enable you to perform the duties incumbent upon you, I leave them to your consideration.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN,

M. Ill. Com.-in-Chief and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

On motion of Ins.-Gen. Frank M. Highley, 33°, it was

Resolved, 1. That so much of the address of the Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief as relates to the condition of the Rite be referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Rite.

2. That so much as refers to Jurisprudence and Laws be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

3. So much as refers to Finance, to the Committee on Finance.

The Most Ill. Com.-in-Chief presented the following:—

December 3, 1898.

To Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation:—

DISCIPLINE.

A full transcript of the record and the evidence in the case of the charges preferred in Gourgas Lodge of Perfection against

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for such action as you may deem proper to take in the premises is herewith submitted.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

S. G. I. General and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

Which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws.

Agreeably to a resolution adopted at the *Ninth Annual Session* of the Council, the representatives of the different Bodies were called upon for reports as to the state of the

Rite in their respective Valleys, when the following were presented and read:—

PITTSBURG, December 3, 1898.

The Most Illustrious Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, S. P. R. S., 32°.

BELOVED BRETHREN:—I herewith submit to you the annual report as Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, for year ending December 1, 1898.

In submitting this report for the past year, I would preface it by saying that our increase in membership for the year has been a surprise to me, as well, I think, as to all the officers and members of the Rite in Pittsburg.

Owing to the fact that the Twenty-seventh Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A., met in Pittsburg in October, I thought that the great boom that would be given to Templarism in this section by this Conclave would tell seriously upon applicants for the orders in the Scottish Rite, but I am glad to report that such has not been the case, and while the Templar Bodies in this section had enormous increases prior to the Conclave, that the applications to the Scottish Rite have been equaled only once in the history of Pennsylvania Consistory, I believe.

Our statistical report submitted herewith will show proof of this assertion.

As to the Bodies themselves, peace and harmony have reigned within our borders during the past year.

Considering the number of members we have, the deaths have been few, being 12 in number. Some of them were well known not only in the Order, but in the community at large, and as to one and all of these beloved brethren who have gone before to reap their reward, we shall miss them, but trust that the lessons taught in the Consistory, as well as those in their other life outside of the Order, may have had its proper influence upon them, and that they have been enabled to gain admission into the Grand Asylum above, never to come out forever.

In submitting this my second annual report as Commander-in-Chief, I wish to reiterate my thanks of last year to the individual officers and members of the Bodies of the Rite for their universal courtesy and hearty co-operation and assistance in everything connected with the working of the Bodies. I can say, without hesitation, that since my acceptance of office I have never had any member of the Body decline even the least position tendered him, and I think that this is something extraordinary when you consider that some of these requests were made for simply characters to assist in the Bodies by appearance only, and

yet, unless Providentially hindered, the members have as a man come to the assistance of the presiding officers and done everything in their power to aid in carrying the work forward to a successful conclusion.

At the annual reunion, held in November of the present year, we had a very large attendance, and there was great interest manifested. The number of visitors from abroad was not so large as usual, and yet those who were with us expressed themselves as highly gratified at seeing the work as exemplified in this Valley. These visitors were as follows:—

VISITORS.

Ill. Bro. Joseph Mayworm, 33°, T. P. G. M. of Detroit Lodge of Perfection, Detroit; Ill. Bro. W. LaRue Thomas, 33°, of the Southern Jurisdiction; Ill. Bro. Edgar A. Tennis, 32°, of Harrisburg Consistory; Ill. Bro. Frank Ridgway, 32°, M. E. S. P. G. Master of Harrisburg Council, P. of J.

The annual reunion this year was closed with a banquet as usual. This time, as a change, and we trust in the interests of the Order itself, it was held in the new Schenley Hotel, and when we came to take seats at the board, we found there were over 700 members of the Order who answered the roll-call. The dinner and intellectual feast which followed was presided over by Ill. Bro. James W. Brown, 33°, and continued into the small hours of the morning, when all went home, we think, fully satisfied that the twenty-sixth annual reunion was at least the equal of any of its predecessors.

In conclusion, I submit the following statistical report:—

PENNSYLVANIA CONSISTORY, S. P. R. S., 32°.

Our membership on December 1, 1897, was			1,258
During the year this was reduced			
By withdrawals		2	
By suspension		1	
And by deaths of			
Leonard D. Van Liew, 32°,	Joseph N. McClure, 32°,		
John F. Beilstein, 32°,	Andrew Webster, 32°,		
William Baldwin, 32°,	William H. Graff, 32°,		
August G. Hatry, 32°,	William J. Henderson, 32°,		
John W. Black, 32°,	John S. Kennedy, Jr., 32°,		
Christian Trautman, 32°,	Horace B. Miller, 32°,	12	
		—	15
Balance from December 1, 1897			1,243

Brought forward	1,243
In the year past we held 8 Rendezvous, during which the degrees from 19th to 32d, both inclusive, were conferred in full ceremonial form upon	151
(We conferred the degrees from 22d to 32d, both inclusive, upon 1 candidate, who was reported as a 21° in previous report.)	
We restored during the year	6
And added by affiliation	1
Our membership on December 1, 1898, is	1,401

Courteously yours,

LEE STEWART SMITH, 33°,

Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 1, 1898.

MOST ILL. JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

DEAR SIR AND ILL. BROTHER :—I have the honor to report for Pittsburg Chapter of Rose Croix, as follows :—

Membership December 1, 1897	1,261	
Conferred degrees during year	154	
Restored to membership	6	
Affiliated	1	
		1,422
Deduct :—		
Deaths	12	
Withdrawals	2	
Suspension	1	
		15
Membership December 1, 1898		1,407

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES W. BROWN, 33°,

Most Wise and Perfect Master.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 6, 1898.

ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Sovereign Grand Inspector-General and Deputy for Pennsylvania.

ILL. AND DEAR BROTHER :—I have the honor to submit my report of the condition of Pennsylvania Council Princes of Jerusalem for the present year :—

Membership December 1, 1897	1,271	
Initiated during the year	153	
Affiliated during the year	1	
Restored to membership	6	
		1,431
Deaths during the year	12	
Withdrawals	2	
Suspended	1	
		15
Present membership		1,416

Very truly and fraternally yours,

GEORGE C. JOHNSTONE, 33°,

Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 1, 1898.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, ESQ., 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to report for Gourgas Lodge of Perfection for the year ending December 1, 1898, as follows:—

Membership December 1, 1897	1,257	
Initiated during year	135	
Affiliated during year	1	
Restored during year	5	
		1,398
Deduct:—		
Deaths	11	
Suspension	1	
Withdrawals	2	
		14
Membership December 1, 1898		1,384

Yours fraternally,

ALFRED S. BISHOP, 33°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy for Pennsylvania.

MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—In accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution, I beg leave to report the work of Philadelphia Consistory, A. A. S. R.:—

Membership last report	846	
Conferred 19° to 32°	76	
Admitted to membership	1	
	—	923
Deduct:—		
Deaths	19	
Suspensions	8	
Suspension by Blue Lodge	1	
Resignation	1	
	—	29
Membership December 1, 1898		894

Four meetings were held, and the 21°, 27°, 30° and 31° were conferred in full, and we have a class of 21, on which will be conferred the 32° in full on December 16th.

Our Consistory has an invested fund of $50,300, exclusive of regalia and paraphernalia, the value of which is in the neighborhood of $5,000.

The deaths have been 19, as follows:—

John Henry Cook, 32°	October 14, 1897.
James Cameron Wiley, 32°	December 10, 1897.
Samuel Weed Rudolph, 32°	February 7, 1898.
William Haeberle, 32°	February 19, 1898.
Irwin Hill Brendlinger, 32°	February 23, 1898.
Paschall Hoopes Fairlamb, 32°	February 25, 1898.
William Hamilton Heck, 32°	February 28, 1898.
William Samuel Huckel, 32°	March 14, 1898.
Mordecai Dawson Evans, 32°	March 23, 1898.
Maximilian Weiss, 32°	March 28, 1898.
Isaac Albertson, 32°	April 15, 1898.
William McCarter, 32°	April 21, 1898.
Madison Ramsey, 32°	June 1, 1898.
William McDaniel, Jr., 32°	June 19, 1898.
John Adams, 32°	June 19, 1898.
Thomas Peter Cotton, 32°	June 21, 1898.
James Spencer Smith, 32°	July 7, 1898.
George Weston, 32°	October 17, 1898.
Joseph Letherbury Tull, 32°	November 2, 1898.

The utmost peace and harmony prevails in the Consistory. It is filled with earnest, active workers in the Rite, all eager to advance its principles.

Fraternally submitted,

AMOS HARRISON HALL, 33°,
Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. AND DEAR BRO.:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the work of Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, for the year ending November 30, 1898:—

Membership November 30, 1897	896	
Conferred 17° and 18° in full upon	54	
Admitted to membership	1	
	—	951
Deduct:—		
Deaths	19	
Suspensions	9	
Suspension by Blue Lodge	1	
Resignation	1	
	—	30
Membership, December 1, 1898		921

Four meetings of the Chapter were held during the year. Deaths were as follows:—

John Henry Cook, 32°; James Cameron Wiley, 32°; Samuel Weed Rudolph, 32°; William Haeberle, 32°; Irwin Hill Brendlinger, 32°; Paschall Hoopes Fairlamb, 32°; William Hamilton Heck, 32°; William Samuel Huckel, 32°; Mordecai Dawson Evans, 32°; Maximillian Weiss, 32°; Isaac Albertson, 32°; William McCarter, 32°; Madison Ramsey, 32°; William McDaniel, Jr., 32°; John Adams, 32°; Thomas Peter Cotton, 32°; James Spencer Smith, 32°; George Weston, 32°; Joseph Letherbury Tull, 32°.

Fraternally submitted,

J. HENRY WILLIAMS, 33°,

Most Wise and Perfect Master.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit the following report of the past year's work of De Joinville Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°.

There have been held during the year four meetings.

The Degrees of Knight of the East or Sword, 15°, and Prince of Jerusalem, 16°, have been conferred upon 52 candidates.

Membership November 30, 1897	923	
Conferred the 15° and 16° upon	52	
Admitted to membership	1	
	—	976
Deduct :—		
Deaths	19	
Suspensions	12	
Suspension by B. L.	1	
Resignation	1	
	—	33
Membership December 1, 1898		943

which is an increase of 20 during the year.

The names of those who have died during the year are :—

John Henry Cook, 32°; James Cameron Wiley, 32°; Samuel Weed Rudolph, 32°; William Haeberle, 32°; Irwin Hill Brendlinger, 32°; Paschall Hoopes Fairlamb, 32°; William Hamilton Heck, 32°; William Samuel Huckel, 32°; Mordecai Dawson Evans, 32°; Maximilian Weiss, 32°; Isaac Albertson, 32°; William McCarter, 32°; Madison Ramsey, 32°; William McDaniel, Jr., 32°; John Adams, 32°; Thomas Peter Cotton, 32°; James Spencer Smith, 32°; George Weston, 32° Joseph Letherbury Tull, 32°. Fraternally yours,

JOHN JAY GILROY, 33°,
Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

VALLEY OF PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

MOST ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

MOST ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—It is my duty as well as my pleasure to report to you the work of Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, 14°.

Five meetings of the Lodge have been held during the year.

The 4° to the 14° was conferred on	52	
Admitted to membership	1	
Membership November 30, 1897	936	
	—	989
Deduct :—		
Deaths	18	
Suspensions	13	
Suspension by Blue Lodge	1	
	—	32
Present membership		957

The deaths were as follows:—

Ill. Bros. John Adams, 32°; Isaac Albertson, 32°; Irwin Hill Brendlinger, 32°; John Henry Cook, 32°; Thomas Peter Cotton, 32°; Mordecai Dawson Evans, 32°; Paschall Hoopes Fairlamb, 32°; William Hamilton Heck, 32°; William Haeberle, 32°; William Samuel Huckel, 32°; William McCarter, 32°; William McDaniel, Jr., 32°; Madison Ramsey, 32°; Samuel Weed Rudolph, 32°; James Spencer Smith, 32°; Joseph Letherbury Tull, 32°; Maximilian Weiss, 32°, and George Weston, 32°.

These brethren who have been called to join the multitude in the unseen world, we hold in tender memory; and trust that we each may so live, that when we shall be called to pass through death unto life we may be permitted to behold the "Light Ineffable."

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

ALEXANDER JOHN HOWIE MACKIE, 32°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

HARRISBURG, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—At this the close of my first year as Commander-in-Chief, I take pleasure in reporting continued peace and prosperity in the Scottish Rite Bodies of the Valley of Harrisburg. Of the consistorial degrees we are now fully equipped and working the 19°, 20°, 21°, 22°, 31° and 32°, and during the next year we expect to put on at least two more.

There have been eight meetings during the year; the 19°, 20°, 21° and 32° having been conferred in full ceremonial form and the other degrees communicated.

For the first time in many years Harrisburg Consistory has been favored by an official visit from the Illustrious Deputy for Pennsylvania, and I wish to say to you, illustrious sir, that your words of advice and encouragement and your suggestions have proven most valuable.

Membership December 1, 1897		262
Initiates	33	
Died	4	
Gain		29
Present membership		291

Death has been with us as ever, and we record with deep regret the loss of four of our illustrious companions :—

Frederick H. De Haven, 32°, born in Harrisburg, Pa., January 27, 1858; died at Harrisburg, Pa., May 11, 1898.

Wood K. Sheafer, 32°, born in Mendota, Minn., November 7, 1858; died at Harrisburg, Pa., July 24, 1898.

John A. Senseman, 32°, born in Allen, Pa., September 20, 1853; died at Carlisle, Pa., October 3, 1898.

Isaac Bedichimer, 32°, born in Hagerstown, Md., October 7, 1843; died at Philadelphia, Pa., November 27, 1898.

Fraternally submitted,
OWEN M. COPELIN, 32°,
Ilustrious Commander-in-Chief.

HARRISBURG, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—There have been seven meetings of Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix during the past year.

Membership December 1, 1897			247
Initiates		34	
Died	4		
Withdrawn	1		
	—	5	
Gain			29
Present membership			276

The Seventeenth and Eighteenth degrees were conferred in full ceremonial upon a part of these candidates and communicated to the others.

Fraternally yours,
STEPHEN O. GOHO, 32°,
Most Wise and Perfect Master.

HARRISBURG, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—There have been eight meetings of Harrisburg Council Princes of Jerusalem during the past year, and the Fifteenth and Sixteenth degrees have been conferred in full ceremonial.

Membership December 1, 1897			249
Initiates		34	
Died	4		
Withdrawn	1		
	—	5	
Gain			29
Present membership			278

Fraternally yours,

FRANK B. WICKERSHAM, 32°,

Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

HARRISBURG, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—There have been 13 meetings of Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection during the past year. We are working all the Lodge of Perfection degrees in full ceremonial from time to time, and during the year just closed the candidates have had a number of the degrees conferred in that manner, the others being communicated.

Membership December 1, 1897		255
Initiates	26	
Died	4	
Gain		22
Present membership		277

Fraternally yours,

CASPER DULL, 32°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 6, 1898.

MOST ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

MOST ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—In presenting this my second annual report as Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Caldwell Consistory, for the year ending December 6, 1898, it is my pleasure to report continued prosperity and fraternal peace.

Number of members at last report	286	
Initiations during present year	4	
		290
Deduct:—		
Deaths	6	
Expelled from Blue Lodge	1	
		7
Present membership		283

All our Bodies are prosperous, and during the year a number of petitions have been favorably received, but owing to various reasons but four candidates presented themselves for initiation, on two of whom the degrees were conferred at a special meeting held July 14th.

During the year 13 meetings were held, all of which were for the transaction of business except two, and during the year the degrees have been conferred in full ceremonial.

This year completed the term at our State Normal School, and graduated the daughter of one of our deceased members. The Rite undertook her education, and has the gratification of knowing that she graduated with the commendation of the faculty, and has now a responsible position in one of the schools of the county.

God has called upon 6 of our brethren to cease from their labors, and Death confronts us with a roll in which are the exalted as well as the humble in rank, all attaching themselves to us by their genial dispositions and rectitude of character.

Ill. Bro. Chas. Richard Early, 33°, born at Scio, Pa., May 1, 1823; died at Ridgway, Pa., May 17, 1898; was a member of and Past Master of Elk Lodge, No. 379, F. and A. M.; Past High Priest of Elk Chapter, No. 230, R. A. M., of Ridgway, Pa.; Past Eminent Commander of Knapp Commandery, No. 40, K. T., of Ridgway, Pa.; a Past Master of Enoch Lodge of Perfection, 14°; Zerubbabel Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16°; Evergreen Chapter Rose Croix, 18°, and member of Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S., 32°, of Bloomsburg, Pa., where, on March 7, 1868, he received the grades of the A. A. S. R. On December 5, 1871, he was created an Honorary member of the Supreme Council, 33°.

Ill. Bro. Peter Crouthaner Shive, M. D., 32°, was born at Bethminster Loupe, Pa., August 18, 1830, and died at North Wales, Pa., May 12, 1893. Was admitted to membership November 18, 1881. Was a member of Doylestown Lodge, No. 245, F. and A. M.; Columbia Chapter, No. 91, R. A. M.; Philadelphia Council, No. 11, R. and S. M., and Dieu Le Veut Commandery, No. 45, K. T.

Ill Bro. Byron Frederick Ely, 32°, was born in New York and died at Ridgway, Pa., August 1, 1898. Admitted February 27, 1874. Member of Elk Lodge, No. 379, F. and A. M., Ridgway, Pa.

Ill. Bro. J. M. Green, 32°, was born at Swatara, Pa., April 18, 1825, and died at Cressona, Pa., April 1, 1894. Admitted to membership in Caldwell Consistory, March 2, 1866.

Ill. Bro. Albert Henry Gutalius, 32°, died in Philadelphia, March, 1897. Was admitted to membership in Caldwell Consistory, January 17, 1884.

Ill. Bro. Urban Gilford Mease, 32°, died at Warren, Pa., October 24, 1897. Was admitted to membership in Caldwell Consistory, May 17, 1872.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL B. ARMENT, 32°,
Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 6, 1898.

MOST ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to report for Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix that there were twelve regular and one special meetings held during the past year. Four candidates received the Seventeenth and Eighteenth degrees.

Number of members at last report	285	
Initiations during the year	4	
		289
Deduct:—		
Expelled from Blue Lodge	1	
Deaths	6	
		7
Present membership		282

The deaths were as follows:—

Charles Richard Early, 33°; Byron S. Ely, 32°; J. M. Green, 32°; H. A. Gutalius, 32°; U. G. Mease, 32°; Peter C. Shive, 32°.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM HILTON BUTTS, 32°,
Most Wise and Perfect Master.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 6, 1898.

MOST ILL. JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

MOST ILL. SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to report for Zerubbabel Council Prince of Jerusalem for the year 1898, as follows:—

The degrees were conferred with full ceremonial upon four initiates.

Number of members at last report	285	
Initiations during the year	4	
		289
Deduct:—		
Deaths	6	
Expelled from Blue Lodge	1	
		7
Present membership		282

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. McKELVY, 32°,

Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

VALLEY OF BLOOMSBURG, PA., December 6, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—I have the honor to present the following report for Enoch Lodge of Perfection for the year 1898:—

Number of members at last report	295	
Initiations during the year	4	
		299
Suspended	1	
Died	6	
		7
Present membership		292

The deaths are as follows:—

Byron S. Ely, 32°; Charles Richard Early, 33°; J. M. Green, 32°; H. A. Gutalius, 32°; U. G. Mease, 32; Peter C. Shive, M. D., 32°.

During the year twelve regular and one special meeting was held.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

FRANK W. MARTENIS, 32°,

Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—I have the honor to report for Keystone Consistory for the year 1898, as follows:—

Number of members last report	92	
Initiations	11	
		103
Deduct:—		
Suspended		5
Present membership		98

Respectfully and fraternally,
ANDREW STRANG, M. D., 32°,
Ill. Commander-in-Chief.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—The report of Keystone Chapter of Rose Croix for the year 1898 is as follows:—

Number of members last report, 1897	93	
Initiated	12	
		105
Deduct:—		
Suspended		5
Present membership		100

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM MAYLIN, 32°,
Most Wise and Perfect Master.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—Keystone Council Princes of Jerusalem reports for year 1898:—

Number members, 1897	98	
Initiations	12	
	—	110
Suspensions		5
Present membership		105

Fraternally yours, SIMON LAUER, 32°,
Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

VALLEY OF SCRANTON, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. R.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER :—I beg to submit the report of Keystone Lodge of Perfection for the year 1898 :—

Number of members at last report	124	
Initiations during the year 1898	12	
	—	136
Deduct :—		
Suspended	5	
Withdrawn	1	
	—	6
Present membership		130

We held nine meetings during the year, all of which were well attended, and much renewed interest was shown, which argues well for the coming year. Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH F. BAUMEISTER, 32°,
Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF LANCASTER, PA., December 2, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy for Pennsylvania.

ILL. AND DEAR BROTHER :—As Thrice Potent Grand Master of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14°, I beg leave to make the following report as to its condition for the year now closing :—

Number of members at last report	127	
Number of initiates	10	
	—	137
Died	1	
Suspended for non-payment of dues	5	
	—	6
Present membership		131

The Lodge is prospering and well informed in the work.

Yours fraternally, WILLIAM J. FORDNEY, 32°,
Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF ERIE, PA., November 29, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Deputy and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

MOST ILL. AND DEAR BRO.:—As Thrice Potent Grand Master of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, I beg to make the following report as to its condition for the year 1898:—

Number of members at last report	182	
Number of initiates	12	
		194
Deduct:—		
Withdrawn	8	
Died	2	
		10
Present membership		184

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. STERN, 32°,
Thrice Potent Grand Master.

VALLEY OF TOWANDA, PA., December 3, 1898.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—I have the honor to report for Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix for the year 1898, the following:—

Number of members at last report	36	
Initiations during the present year	5	
		41
Deduct:—		
Resignation	1	
Died	1	
		2
Present membership		39

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE E. DAVIS, 32°,
Most Wise and Perfect Master.

VALLEY OF TOWANDA, PA., December 2, 1898.

JAMES I. BUCHANAN, 33°,
Ill. Deputy.

MOST ILL. SIR AND BROTHER:—I have the honor to report for Hayden Council Princes of Jerusalem, for the year 1898, as follows:—

Membership last report	39	
Initiated since	2	
	—	41
Deduct:—		
Died		1
Present membership		40

Yours fraternally,

CLINTON S. FITCH, 32°,
Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

VALLEY OF TOWANDA, PA., November 30, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Deputy and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief for Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

MOST ILL. SIR AND DEAR BROTHER:—I have the honor to submit the following report for Towanda Lodge of Perfection:—

Membership as per last report	67	
Initiated since	3	
	—	70
Resigned	1	
Died	2	
	—	3
Present membership		67

We have three petitions pending and prospects of plenty of work for ensuing year.

Ill. Bro. Alexander W. Steadman, 14°, died October 7, 1898.

Ill. Bro. Clarence W. Canfield, 32°, died July 30, 1898.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

LESTER R. FROST, 32°,
Thrice Potent Grand Master.

COUDERSPORT, PA., December 2, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Deputy for Pennsylvania and Ill. Commander of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. SIR AND DEAR BRO.:—I herewith submit the report of the Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, for the year 1898:—

Membership at last report	85	
The 17th and 18th grades were conferred upon a class of 9 in full ceremonial form	9	
		94
Loss, by death of Charles Phillip McAllister, 18° .		1
Leaving total membership at this time		93

Fraternally submitted,

SANFORD H. LEWIS, 32°,
Most Wise and Perfect Master.

VALLEY OF COUDERSPORT, PA., December 3, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,
Deputy for Pennsylvania and Most Ill. Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILLUSTRIOUS AND DEAR BROTHER:—As Most Excellent Sovereign Prince Grand Master of Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem, it gives me pleasure to submit the following annual report as to its condition for the year ending December 6, 1898:—

Number of members at last report, 87.

On June 9th last past, we conferred the 15° and 16° in full ceremonial on 8 candidates.

The only death that we have to report is that of Bro. Charles Phillip McAllister, of Bradford, Pa. Brother McAllister was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the first day of March, 1854. I do not know much of his early life. He had resided in Bradford for some time prior to his death, and was assistant manager of the telegraph department of the Standard Oil Co. He was a member of Union Lodge, No. 332; Bradford Royal Arch Chapter, No. 260; Bradford Council Royal Select Masters, No. 43, and Trinity Commandery, No. 58. He was, at the time of his death and had been for some time previous, Secretary of these Bodies. He was also a member of Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, and Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix, taking his degrees in the latter two Bodies

on the 23d day of November, 1897. He was one of the most prominent men in the city of Bradford, and highly esteemed by all who knew him.

Our dispensation was returned at the proper time, and we have been notified that a charter has been granted our Body, and we expect the Ill. Deputy to set a time for the constitution of our Body in the near future.

Our membership at the present time is 94.

Our hall is nearly finished, and we will soon be prepared to work the degrees in full ceremonial. The enthusiasm has been kept up, and we assure you that the interests of the Rite will not be prejudiced by the brethren in the Valley of Coudersport.

We have a considerable number of applicants who have been balloted on and elected, but who have been advised not to come to Coudersport to get their degrees, for the reason that they could not get their Consistory degrees here, but would have to go elsewhere to get them. We are in hopes to be able to report that they can get their Consistory degrees in the Valley of Coudersport in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC PEARY COLLINS, 32°,

Most Equitable Sovereign Prince Grand Master.

COUDERSPORT, PA., December 3, 1898.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN, 33°,

Ill. Deputy and Commander-in-Chief of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation.

ILL. AND MY DEAR BRO.:—In presenting this my second annual report as T. P. G. M. on the doings of Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, in the Valley of Coudersport, Pa., it is my pleasure to report continued prosperity and fraternal peace.

Since my annual report for 1897, which was dated November 28th of that year, we have had but one meeting of the Lodge of Perfection in which the degrees were conferred. On June 9, 1898, the first thirteen degrees were communicated to a class of three members; the fourteenth degree was conferred in full ceremonial form.

From July 1, 1898, to the present time, work has been suspended, owing to the fact that our hall, recently purchased, has been and is being repaired. I am happy to report that we are getting along nicely with the work of fitting up our rooms, and we expect to take possession of the same within a short time.

Since my last annual report, the Death Angel has been in our midst and taken from thence two of our beloved brethren, Bros. Joseph E. Stevens, formerly of Mina, Pa., and Charles Phillip McAllister, of Bradford, Pa. I regret exceedingly that I am unable to furnish a brief history of their lives. We now give you statistics as follows:—

Membership November 28, 1897	140	
Initiated during the year	3	
		143
Deduct:—		
Died		2
Membership December 3, 1898		141

Respectfully and fraternally yours,
WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32°,
Thrice Potent Grand Master.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was received and adopted:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following members present and entitled to vote:—

Active Members of the Supreme Council.

Robert Emmett Patterson, 33°,
James Isaac Buchanan, 33° (Deputy),
James Hodge Codding, 33°,
George Wilkins Guthrie, 33°,
Francis Marion Highley, 33°.

Honorary Members of the Supreme Council.

James S. Barber, 33°,
Peter Barkey, 33°,
Alfred S. Bishop, 33°,
Edwin Boone, 33°,
James W. Brown, 33°,
Charles Cary, 33°,
Joel S. Eaby, 33°,
Charles K. Francis, 33°,
Franklin Garrigues, 33°,
John Jay Gilroy, 33°,
George Hale, 33°,
Amos H. Hall, 33°,
Matthias H. Henderson, 33°,
Americus V. Holmes, 33°,
George C. Johnstone, 33°,
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33°,

Samuel B. Kennedy, 33°, Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°,
Henry H. Kuhn, 33°, Thomas R. Patton, 33°,
Robert J. Linden, 33°, C. Gilbert Steffe, 33°,
William B. Meredith, 33°, Edgar F. Smith, 33°,
M. Richards Mucklé, 33°, Samuel W. Wray, 33°,
Levi B. McClees, 33°, J. Henry Williams, 33°,
Edward S. Wyckoff, 33°.

Representatives from the following bodies:—

CONSISTORIES.

Pennsylvania Consistory, Pittsburg.

James Isaac Buchanan, 33° . . . *Past Com'der-in-Chief.*

Philadelphia Consistory, Philadelphia.

Amos H. Hall, 33° . . . . . *Commander-in-Chief.*
Samuel I. Givin, 32° . . . . . *First Lieut. Com'der.*
Robert J. Linden, 33° . . . . . *Second Lieut. Com'der.*
Thomas R. Patton, 33° . . . . *Past Com'der-in-Chief.*
James S. Barber, 33° . . . . . " "
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33° . . " "
Charles K. Francis, 33° . . . . " "
Levi B. McClees, 33° . . . . . " "

Harrisburg Consistory, Harrisburg.

Not represented.

Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg.

Frank W. Martenis, 32° . . . *First Lieut. Com'der.*
James M. Staver, 32° . . . . . *Second Lieut. Com'der.*
Daniel B. Else, 32° . . . . . *Past Com'der-in-Chief.*
Harvey A. M'Killip, 33° . . . " "

Keystone Consistory, Scranton.

Andrew Strang, M. D., 32° . . *Commander-in-Chief.*

CHAPTERS.

Pittsburg Chapter of Rose Croix, Pittsburg.

James W. Brown, 33°	*M. W. and P. Master.*
James McLaren, 32°	*R. and P. K. Sen. W.*
George W. Guthrie, 33°	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*

Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, Philadelphia.

J. Henry Williams, 33°	*M. W. and P. Master.*
George Hale, 33°	*R. and P. K. Sen. W.*
Henry G. Bruner, 32°	*R. and P. K. Jun. W.*
Edward S. Wyckoff, 33° . . .	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*
Thomas R. Patton, 33°	" " "
James S. Barber, 33°	" " "
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33° .	" " "
Samuel I. Givin, 32°	" " "
Levi B. McClees, 33°	" " "
Amos H. Hall, 33°	" " "
Robert J. Linden, 33°	" " "
Charles K. Francis, 33°	" " "
Edgar F. Smith, 33°	" " "
John A. Bolard, 32°	" " "

Harrisburg Chapter of Rose Croix, Harrisburg.

Joel S. Eaby, 33°	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*
Charles V. Henry, 32°	" " "

Evergreen Chapter of Rose Croix, Bloomsburg.

James M. Staver, 32°	*R. and P. K. Jun. W.*
Daniel B. Else, 32°	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*
Harvey A. M'Killip, 33° . . .	" " "
Frank W. Martenis, 32° . . .	" " "

Keystone Chapter of Rose Croix, Scranton.

Not represented.

Calvary Chapter of Rose Croix, Towanda.

George E. Davis, 32°	*M. W. and P. Master.*
James H. Codding, 33°	*P. M. W. and Perf. M.*

Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix (U. D.), Coudersport.

Sanford H. Lewis, 32°	*M. W. and P. Master.*
Warren B. Brightman, 32° . .	*R. and P. K. Sen. W.*

COUNCILS.

Pennsylvania Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Pittsburg.

George C. Johnstone, 33° . . .	*M. E. Sov. P. G. M.*
Samuel Hamilton, 32°	*G. H. P. D. G. Master.*

De Joinville Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Philadelphia.

John Jay Gilroy, 33°	*M. E. Sov. P. G. M.*
Edgar F. Smith, 33°	*G. H. P. D. G. Master.*
George B. Wells, 32°	*M. E. S. G. Warden.*
John A. Bolard, 32°	*M. E. J. G. Warden.*
James S. Barber, 33°	*Past Sov. P. G. Master.*
Thomas R. Patton, 33°	" "
Robert E. Patterson, 33° . . .	" "
Samuel W. Wray, 33°	" "
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33° .	" "
Levi B. McClees, 33°	" "
Samuel I. Givin, 32°	" "
Amos H. Hall, 33°	" "
Charles K. Francis, 33° . . .	" "
George Hale, 33°	" "

Harrisburg Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Harrisburg.

Edgar A. Tennis, 32°	*Past Sov. P. G. Master.*
Joel S. Eaby, 33°	" "

Zerubbabel Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Bloomsburg.

James M. Staver, 32°	*Past Sov. P. G. Master.*
Daniel B. Else, 32°	" "
Harvey A. M'Killip, 33° . . .	" "

Keystone Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Scranton.

Not represented.

Hayden Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Towanda.

James H. Codding, 33°	*G. H. P. D. G. Master.*
Lester R. Frost, 32°	*M. E. S. G. Warden.*

Coudersport Council of Princes of Jerusalem (U. D.), Coudersport.

Isaac P. Collins, 32°	*M. E. Sov. P. G. M.*
James L. Knox, 32°	*M. E. J. G. Warden.*

LODGES OF PERFECTION.

Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, Pittsburg.

Alfred S. Bishop, 33°	*T. P. G. Master.*
George W. Guthrie, 33°	*Past T. P. G. Master.*
Joseph E. Lewis, 32°	" " "

Philadelphia Lodge of Perfection, Philadelphia.

Alexander J. H. Mackie, 32° . .	*T. P. G. Master.*
Edgar F. Smith, 33°	*H. T. D. G. Master.*
Joseph Butler, 32°	*V. S. G. Warden.*
J. Henry Williams, 33°	*V. J. G. Warden.*
James S. Barber, 33°	*Past T. P. G. Master.*
Thomas R. Patton, 33°	" " "
Samuel W. Wray, 33°	" " "
George W. Kendrick, Jr., 33° . .	" " "
Levi B. McClees, 33°	" " "
Samuel I. Givin, 32°	" " "
Charles Cary, 33°	" " "
Amos H. Hall, 33°	" " "
Charles K. Francis, 33°	" " "
John Jay Gilroy, 33°	" " "
Robert J. Linden, 33°	" " "

Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection, Harrisburg.

Edgar A. Tennis, 32°	*Past T. P. G. Master.*

Enoch Lodge of Perfection, Bloomsburg.

FRANK W. MARTENIS, 32° . . . *T. P. G. Master.*
JAMES M. STAVER, 32° . . . . *V. S. G. Warden.*
DANIEL B. ELSE, 32° . . . . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*
HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33° . . . " " "

Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, Lancaster.

JOEL S. EABY, 33° . . . . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*

Keystone Lodge of Perfection, Scranton.

Not represented.

Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, Erie.

DAVID A. SAWDEY, 32° . . . . *V. S. G. Warden.*
SAMUEL B. KENNEDY, 33° . . . *V. J. G. Warden.*
PETER BARKEY, 33° . . . . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*
ALURED P. BURTON, 32° . . . . " " "

Towanda Lodge of Perfection, Towanda.

LESTER R. FROST, 32° . . . . *T. P. G. Master.*
JAMES H. CODDING, 33° . . . . *Past T. P. G. Master.*
GEORGE E. DAVIS, 32° . . . . " " "

Coudersport Lodge of Perfection, Coudersport.

WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32° . . *T. P. G. Master.*
ISAAC P. COLLINS, 32° . . . . *V. S. G. Warden.*

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS H. HALL, 33°,
WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32°,
CHARLES V. HENRY, 32°,
Committee.

Ins.-Gen. Frank M. Highley, 33°, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That a memorial tablet of the names of deceased members be published with the minutes.

The Ill. Grand Treasurer presented the following report:—

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°, *Grand Treasurer, in account with General Fund, Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite.*

1897.		
Nov. 30.	To balance on hand	$437 18
Dec. 16.	To check from D. P. Heisey, Treasurer of Harrisburg Bodies	101 30
21.	To check from Sanford H. Lewis, Secretary of Coudersport Bodies	31 30
21.	To check from F. M. Highley, Secretary of Philadelphia Bodies	360 10
22.	To check from A. V. Holmes, Treasurer of Pittsburg Bodies	504 70
27.	To check from R. M. Bolenius, M. D., Secretary of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection	12 70
1898.		
Jan. 6.	To check from J. N. Califf, Secretary of Towanda Bodies	14 30
13.	To Henry L. Moore, Secretary of Presque Isle Lodge of Perfection, Erie	18 20
Feb. 2.	To check from C. F. Knapp, Secretary of Bloomsburg Bodies	115 10
Mch. 22.	To check from H. N. Dunnell, M. D., for Scranton Bodies for 1896	42 10
Dec. 2.	To check from H. N. Dunnell, M. D., for Scranton Bodies	40 70
		$1,677 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
Dec. 1.	By cash paid W. A. Sinn, G. Sec., rent, Voucher 144	$42 50	
1.	By cash paid F. M. Highley, G. Sec., Voucher 145	75 00	
1.	By cash paid Henry Ashford, Voucher 146	5 00	
1.	By cash paid Benj. K. Paullin, Voucher 147	5 00	
1.	By cash paid Jacob Weiner, Voucher 148	124 50	
1.	By cash paid Wm. Steffe, Voucher 149 .	25 00	
	Amounts carried forward, ...	$277 00	$1,677 68

1898.	*Amounts brought forward*, ...	$277 00	$1,677 68
July 18.	By cash paid Burk & McFetridge Co., Voucher 150	249 60	
18.	By cash paid F. M. Highley, Voucher 151	19 65	
Nov. 26.	By cash paid F. M. Highley, Voucher 152	9 00	
30.	By cash paid Burk & McFetridge Co., Voucher 153	10 50	
		$565 75	
	Balance	1,111 93	
			$1,677 68
	By balance as above	$1,111 93	
	To one-half balance transferred to Permanent Fund	555 97	
		$555 96	
	One-half balance to General Fund . .		$555 96

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,
Ill. Grand Treasurer.

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°, *Grand Treasurer, in account with Permanent Fund, Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite.*

1897. Nov. 30.	To cash on hand	$2,781 03
1898. Feb. 8.	To six months' interest on Altoona bond, $500 at 4 per cent.	10 00
Mch. 15.	To six months' interest on McColville mortgage, $600, at 5 per cent.	15 00
Sept. 23.	To six months' interest on McColville mortgage, $600, at 5 per cent.	15 00
Nov. 5.	To six months' interest on Altoona bond, $500, at 4 per cent.	10 00
Dec. 1.	To interest on deposits	75 32
		$2,906 35
Dec. 6.	To one-half balance from General Fund . . .	555 97
		$3,462 32

SECURITIES IN PERMANENT FUND.

$500 Altoona City 4's, Certificate No. 340 . . .		$500 00
$600 Mortgage, No. 3914 Grape street, Twenty-fourth Ward, interest at 5 per cent., payable March and September		600 00
Cash in Guarantee Trust and Safe Deposit Co. .	$2,906 35	
Amount transferred from General Fund . . .	555 97	
		3,462 32
		$4,562 32

EDWARD S. WYCKOFF, 33°,
Ill. Grand Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Ill. Grand Hospitaler presented the following report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

To the Most Illustrious Deputy and Brethren :—

I beg leave to submit this my annual report:—

RECEIPTS.

December 1, 1896.	Cash received	$8 91
November 30, 1897.	Cash received	10 71
December 6, 1897.	Received from former Grand Hospitaler .	27 87
	Balance on hand	$47 49

Fraternally submitted,
ROBERT J. LINDEN, 33°,
Illustrious Grand Hospitaler.

Examined and found correct.

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, 33°,
GEO. E. DAVIS, 32°,
GEO. B. WELLS, 32°,
Finance Committee.

The report was received and ordered to be entered and filed.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and found them correct, as follows, viz. :—

DR.

To balance as per last report	$437 18
To cash received from all the Bodies	1,240 50
	$1,677 68

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By cash paid rent to the R. W. Grand Lodge	$42 50
By cash paid salaries	85 00
By cash paid refreshments	124 50
By cash paid Masonic Home	25 00
By cash paid printing annual proceedings 1897	249 60
By cash paid postage, stationery and printing notices, etc.	39 15
	$565 75
Balance cash	1,111 93
	$1,677 68

Balance as above stated		$1,111 93
One-half to Permanent Fund	$555 97	
Balance in General Fund	555 96	
		$1,111 93

PERMANENT FUND.

Receipts from interest on investments	$50 00
Receipts from interest on deposits	75 32
Receipts one-half balance close of year 1898	555 97
Balance as per last report uninvested	2,781 03
	$3,462 32

INVESTED.

Bond and mortgage 5 per cent.	$600 00	
City Altoona 4 per cent.	500 00	
		1,100 00
Total cash and investments		$4,562 32

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS

For the year 1899.

Printing Proceedings	$250 00
Rent to the R. W. Grand Lodge	42 50
Salary of Grand Secretary	100 00
Salary of the Grand Armorer	5 00
Salary of the Grand Sentinel	5 00
Visitations of the Ill. Commander-in-Chief	150 00
Refreshments	150 00
Miscellaneous printing, postage, stationery and incidentals	50 00
Masonic Home	50 00
	$802 50

Your committee recommend that the above-named sums be appropriated for the ensuing year.

Fraternally submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ, 33°,
GEORGE E. DAVIS, 32°,
GEORGE B. WELLS, 32°,
Committee.

The report and recommendation was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

To Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws respectfully report that they have considered the matters to which the Ill. Deputy calls attention in his annual report, and we submit the following resolutions and recommend that they be adopted:—

Resolved, That all rejections in any of the Bodies of the Rite in this State be reported immediately to all the other Bodies of the same grade, and that the Secretaries be required to keep a record of said rejections.

Resolved, That in conformity with Article 94 of the Constitution and Regulations of the Supreme Council, Article 8 of the Rules and Regulations of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation be amended so that the article will read:—

The minimum fees for conferring degrees in this District shall be as follows:—

In Lodges of Perfection	$15 00
In Councils of Princes of Jerusalem	10 00
In Chapters of Rose Croix	15 00
In Consistories S. P. R. S., 32°	25 00

Respectfully submitted,

HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°,
DANIEL B. ELSE, 32°,
Committee.

The report and resolutions were adopted.

The Committee on the State of the Rite presented the following report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

To Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation:—

The state of the Rite has been so fully presented in the reports already submitted, that comment in detail on that subject would seem superfluous repetition or amplification. Taken as a whole, the reports show a condition of most satisfactory advancement along all lines that contribute to the success of our beloved Rite. Our Bodies continue to work harmoniously. The gain in membership is most satisfactory, and the combined financial exhibit of the Bodies is exceedingly gratifying. We note with pardonable pride the fact that the dues received by the Supreme Council, for the year ending September 19, 1898, from the Bodies in Pennsylvania, exceed those from any other State under its jurisdiction, and that Pennsylvania also heads the column of States in the number of initiates for the year ending July 1, 1898.

Thomas Carlyle very truly says: "The problem of government is how to deal with the masses." The well-known motto, "*Salus populi suprema lex*," means, rightly interpreted, "The welfare of the people should be the all-controlling spirit in legislation." Society, civil, religious, fraternal, exists not for rulers, but rulers exist for society. But it is frequently the case that legislation is for the sole benefit of those who do not need it, reversing the Bible doctrine, that "The strong should bear the infirmities of the weak."

Your committee believe that they express the sentiment of the brethren of the Rite generally, and especially those who reside outside the cities where Bodies of the Rite are located, in applauding the action of the Supreme Council at its last session, by which the Subordinate

Bodies may exercise discretionary power in the matter of charging more than the initiation fees named in the Constitution of the Supreme Council. The action of the Supreme Council appears eminently wise, just and equitable. The Supreme Council seems to have considered the circumstances of the brethren in the country who desire the Scottish Rite degrees, but who do not feel able to pay more than the fees established by the Constitution of the Supreme Council, with the additional expense of railroad fare to the points where the Bodies are located, including hotel bills, to say nothing of the time spent in traveling. No one in the country who is desirous of taking the Scottish Rite degrees will object to pay the Supreme Council fees of $65, even if he has to travel a hundred miles, more or less, to get them. But when he has to pay, in addition to traveling expenses and loss of time, the same as his more favored brethren in the cities who can go to and from the places of meeting for the sum of ten cents, and can sleep and eat at home, he naturally does not feel like singing: "We meet on the level."

The state of the Rite in the Jurisdiction will ever be what the brethren may choose to make it. In order to secure and maintain the highest degree of efficiency, we should ever bear in mind the great truth that the strength, beauty, glory and prosperity of Freemasonry spring from an active, living faith in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; that we are members of the same family, with equal rights and equal privileges, professing to "meet on the level and part on the square." Every worthy Mason, whatever may be his position among the profane, is the peer of his brethren. Titles and degrees do not make their possessor the superior of any other member of the craft. The highest Mason is he who does the most good to his brethren and whose moral character is the brightest. The Degrees of Perfection are those of purity, truth and love, and their exemplification is the true work of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

We are glad to welcome to our home circle to-day Ill. Bro. Robert A. Shirrefs, 33°, Deputy for New Jersey. He is no stranger to the brethren in Pennsylvania, and your committee believe they echo the universal sentiment in expressing the hope that we may always enjoy the pleasure of his presence at our annual meetings.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES K. FRANCIS, 33°,
AMERICUS V. HOLMES, 33°,
SAMUEL B. KENNEDY, 33°,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Special Committee to prepare a form of minutes for the several bodies of the Rite presented the following report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

To the Ill. Commander-in-Chief:—

The committee appointed to prepare and submit to this Council a form of minutes for use in the various grades of the Rite, make respectful report:—

That after due consideration, the committee is of opinion that the subject is of such importance that any attempt to carry out the purpose should be approached with great care. No precedents exist within the knowledge of the committee, and we think the forms in order to be most effective should emanate from the Supreme Council and so be uniform throughout the Jurisdiction. Impressed with the latter view, the committee report the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation respectfully recommend to the Supreme Council the adoption of a uniform form for keeping the minutes of the Subordinate Bodies of the A. A. Scottish Rite.

JAMES H. CODDING, 33°,
FRANK M. HIGHLEY, 33°,
HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws presented the following supplementary report:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

To the Most Illustrious Deputy, Officers and Members of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation:—

The Committee on Jurisprudence and Laws report that in the matter of the record of * * * with Gourgas Lodge of Perfection, your committee ask for further time to properly consider the subject.

Fraternally submitted,
HARVEY A. M'KILLIP, 33°,
GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., 33°,
DANIEL B. ELSE, 32°,
Committee.

On motion of Ins.-Gen. Frank M. Highley, 33°, the report was recommitted for further consideration and report at the next session.

The report of the Special Committee on Territorial Jurisdiction, presented one year ago (see pages 122-125, Proceedings of 1897), was called up, printed copies having been furnished the members.

Ins.-Gen. Harvey A. M'Killip, 33°, offered the following substitute:—

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1898.

To the Most Illustrious Deputy, Officers and Members of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation :—

Your committee appointed to make report upon the question of jurisdiction, offer the following resolution as a substitute for the report presented November 30, 1897, and postponed until the present session :—

Resolved, That the Bodies of the Ancient Accepted Rite of Pennsylvania be recognized as having exclusive jurisdiction within the counties where they are severally located, and concurrent jurisdiction in the remaining counties.

The substitute was adopted.

Ill. Bro. Brightman moved that the action just taken by the Council upon the report of the Special Committee on Territorial Jurisdiction be reconsidered, which was agreed to.

Ins.-Gen. Wm. B. Meredith, 33°, then moved that the report be recommitted to the committee, to report at the next session, which was adopted.

The Ill. Grand Secretary called attention to the fact that he had no place to keep the printed proceedings of the Council, when, on motion, it was resolved that the Secretary be authorized to place them in the Guarantee Storage Co's warehouse, at an annual rental of $10.

The box of fraternal assistance was passed, and the amount collected, $12.96, was paid to the Ill. Grand Hospitaler.

During the session the following Illustrious Brethren were admitted as visitors :—

Benjamin F. Taylor, 32°	Philadelphia.
Alexander Foster, 32°	"
James M. Goldy, 32°	"
William Steffe, 32°	"
Lewis L. Forbes, 32°	"
Joseph B. Hancock, 32°	"
Frederick G. Thorne, 32°	"
A. G. Criswell Smith, 32°	Media.
Charles R. Dunning, 32°	Buffalo, N. Y.
John N. Califf, 32°	Towanda.
Carl A. Sundstrom, 32°	Philadelphia.
Walter D. Clark, 32°	New Castle.
John C. Taylor, 32°	Melrose.
Forman P. Hollinshead, 32°	Philadelphia.
H. Oscar Kline, 32°	Pittsburg.
William F. Specht, 18°	Smethport.
Coleman Smith, 18°	Coudersport.
David F. Collingwood, 32°	Braddock.
Edward L. Stratton, 32°	"
Richard Maris, 32°	Philadelphia.
Atlee P. Parmer, 32°	"
John W. Taylor, 32°	Pittsburg.
Louis M. Wagner, 32°	Germantown.
James McGarvey, 32°	Philadelphia.
Andrew T. Gayley, 32°	"
Joseph F. Emery, 32°	"
A. G. Schultz, 32°	Pittsburg.
Osman F. Reinhard, 32°	Easton.
Edward T. Alburger, 32°	Manayunk.
William H. Maneely, 32°	Philadelphia.
John L. B. Wilson, 32°	"
George D. Whitcomb, 32°	"
Thomas J. Belville, 32°	"
Henry Ashford, 32°	"
Benjamin K. Paullin, 32°	"
William E. Krewson, 32°	"

Arthur Stewart, 32°	Philadelphia.
John Keller, 32°	"
Harry K. Leech, 32°	"
Edward B. Spencer, 32°	"
Adam H. Schmehl, 32°	Reading.
Samuel S. Yohe, 32°	Easton.
Milton A. Piper, 32°	Philadelphia.
Jesse G. Mecutchen, 32°	"
William B. Burk, 32°	"
J. Harry Hughes, 32°	"
George B. Cole, 32°	Shippensburg.
Henry E. Fish, 14°	Erie.
Charles G. Frowert, 32°	Philadelphia.
Joseph P. Wyman, 32°	"
Charles W. Packer, 32°	"
Edwin L. Ritter, 32°	"
Joseph J. Williams, 32°	"
William F. Englehart, 32°	"
William F. Englehart, Jr., 32°	"
Arthur A. Muth, 32°	"
David H. Kollock, 32°	"
Charles W. Burkart, 32°	"
Oscar W. Stager, 32°	"

No further business offering for the consideration of the Council, the Illustrious Grand Prior addressed the Throne of Grace, and the twenty-ninth session of Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation was closed in harmony and in due form at seven o'clock, P. M., after which the brethren present repaired to the Banquet Hall, where they partook of suitable refreshments.

JAMES ISAAC BUCHANAN,

Most Illus. Com.-in-Chief, Deputy for Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS M. HIGHLEY,

Illus. Gr. Secretary.

Obituary Record.

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IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

LEONARD DARWIN VAN LIEW, 32°,

Born in Seneca County, N. Y., March 22, 1860.
Died at Detroit, Mich., October 15, 1897.

JOHN FREDERICK BEILSTEIN, 32°,

Born in Germany, August, 1833.
Died at Allegheny, Pa., December 19, 1897.

WILLIAM BALDWIN, 32°,

Born in Allegheny, Pa., March 23, 1858.
Died at Allegheny, Pa., January 15, 1898.

AUGUST GODFREY HATRY, 32°,

Born in Germany, June 19, 1840.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., January 18, 1898.

JOHN WESLEY BLACK, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., February 23, 1858.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., February 7, 1898.

CHRISTIAN TRAUTMAN, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., March 24, 1849.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., March 3, 1898.

MEMBERS OF

PENNSYLVANIA SOV. CONSISTORY, S. P. R. S., 32°,

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IN MEMORIAM.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

JOSEPH NOBLE McCLURE, 32°,

Born in Clarksville, Pa., January 1, 1843.
Died at Sharon, Pa., May 14, 1898.

ANDREW WEBSTER, 32°,

Born in Scotland, July 8, 1864.
Died at Erie, Pa., March 20, 1897.

WILLIAM HENRY GRAFF, 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., August 17, 1859.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., June 19, 1898.

WILLIAM JOHN HENDERSON, 32°,

Born in Canada, March 6, 1861.
Died at Pittsburg, Pa., September 13, 1898.

JOHN SLOAN KENNEDY, Jr., 32°,

Born in Pittsburg, Pa., January 16, 1865.
Died at Allegheny, Pa., September 16, 1898.

HORACE BERWELL MILLER, 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., September 24, 1831.
Died at Napa, Cal., October 24, 1898.

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JOHN HENRY COOK, 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20, 1837.
Died at Wayne, Pa, October 14, 1897.

JAMES CAMERON WILEY, 32°,

Born in Lancaster, Pa., March 17, 1865.
Died at Lancaster, Pa., December 10, 1897.

SAMUEL WEED RUDOLPH, 32°,

Born in Upper Darby Township, Pa., May 5, 1844.
Died at sea, February 7, 1898.

WILLIAM HAEBERLE, 32°,

Born in Esslingen, Germany, August 28, 1853.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., February 19, 1898.

IRWIN HILL BRENDLINGER, 32°,

Born in Gilbertville, Pa., April 1, 1837.
Died at Norristown, Pa., February 23, 1898.

PASCHALL HOOPES FAIRLAMB, 32°,

Born in Upper Providence, Delaware Co., Pa., February 22, 1849.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., February 25, 1898.

WILLIAM HAMILTON HECK, 32°,

Born in Frederick, Md., June 12, 1834.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., February 28, 1898.

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WILLIAM SAMUEL HUCKEL, 32°,

Born in Frankford, Pa., March 26, 1835.
Died at Frankford, Pa., March 14, 1898.

MORDECAI DAWSON EVANS, 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 12, 1834.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., March 23, 1898.

MAXIMILIAN WEISS, 32°,

Born in Munich, Bavaria, June 3, 1846.
Died at Rutledge, Pa., March 28, 1898.

ISAAC ALBERTSON, 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 28, 1832.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., April 15, 1898.

WILLIAM McCARTER, 32°,

Born in Barows Court, County Tyrone, Ireland, Dec. 25, 1835.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., April 21, 1898.

MADISON RAMSEY, 32°,

Born in Lower Merion, Pa., September 12, 1848.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., June 1, 1898.

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WILLIAM McDANIEL, Jr., 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., October 24, 1846.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., June 19, 1898.

JOHN ADAMS, 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 8, 1847.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., June 19, 1898.

THOMAS PETER COTTON, 32°,

Born in Tamworth, England, August 2, 1820.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., June 21, 1898.

JAMES SPENCER SMITH, 32°,

Born in Cecilton, Md., April 5, 1844.
Died at Norristown, Pa., July 7, 1898.

GEORGE WESTON, 32°,

Born in Leicester, England, March 3, 1844.
Died at Penn Square, Pa., October 17, 1898.

JOSEPH LETHERBURY TULL, 32°,

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., November 18, 1845.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., November 2, 1898.

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ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

FREDERICK H. DeHAVEN, 32°,

Born in Harrisburg, Pa., January 27, 1858.
Died at Harrisburg, Pa., May 11, 1898.

WOOD K. SHEAFER, 32°,

Born in Mendota, Minn., November 7, 1858.
Died at Harrisburg, Pa., July 24, 1898.

JOHN A. SENSEMAN, 32°,

Born in Allen, Pa., September 20, 1853.
Died at Carlisle, Pa., October 3, 1898.

ISAAC BEDICHIMER, 32°,

Born in Hagerstown, Md., October 7, 1843.
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., November 27, 1898.

MEMBERS OF

HARRISBURG SOV. CONSISTORY, S. P. R. S., 32°,

SITTING IN THE VALLEY OF HARRISBURG, PA.

IN MEMORIAM.

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR-GENERAL,

CHARLES RICHARD EARLY, 33°,

Born in Scio, Pa., May 1, 1823.
Died at Ridgway, Pa., May 17, 1898.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

PETER CROUTHAMER SHIVE, 32°,

Born in Bethminster Loupe, Pa., August 18, 1830.
Died at North Wales, Pa., May 12,1893.

BYRON FREDERICK ELY, 32°,

Born in New York.
Died at Ridgway, Pa., August 1, 1898.

J. M. GREEN, 32°,

Born in Swatara, Pa., April 18, 1825.
Died at Cresson, Pa., April 1, 1894.

ALBERT HENRY GUTILIOUS, 32°,

Born in
Died at Philadelphia, Pa., March, 1897.

URBAN GILFORD MEASE, 32°,

Born in
Died at Warren, Pa., October 24, 1897.

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ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

CLARENCE W. CANFIELD, 32°,

Born in Athens, Pa., July 2, 1848.
Died at Athens, Pa., July 30, 1898.

ALEXANDER W. STEADMAN, 14°,

Born in Mauch Chunk, Pa., 1840.
Died at Mauch Chunk, Pa., October 7, 1898.

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ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

LAFAYETTE WHITE, 14°,

Born in Minerva, N. Y., April 22, 1825.
Died at Erie, Pa., January 24, 1898.

WILLIAM CHESTER HUBBELL, 14°,

Born in Erie, Pa., August 18, 1836.
Died at Erie, Pa., April 16, 1898.

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ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHERS.

CHARLES PHILIP McALLISTER, 18°,

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 1, 1854.
Died at Bradford, Pa., March 12, 1898.

JOSEPH E. STEVENS, 14°,

Born in Peckville, Pa., March 7, 1846.
Died at Scranton, Pa., October 13, 1898.

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COUDERSPORT LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°,

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Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U. S. A.
1897–1899.

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George W. Guthrie, 33°.

Kilwinning Chapter of Rose Croix, Philadelphia.

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John A. Bolard, 32°.

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SAMUEL N. MILLER, 32° . . . *M. E. and P. K. S. W.*
RALPH B. BRIMMER, 32° . . . *M. E. and P. K. J. W.*

Past M. W. and P. M's.

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Stephen O. Goho, 32°.

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Frank W. Martenis, 32°.

Keystone Chapter of Rose Croix, Scranton.

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HENRY FERNBERGER, 32° . . . *M. E. and P. K. J. W.*

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CHARLES L. TRACY, 32° . . . . *M. E. and P. K. J. W.*

Past M. W. and P. M's.

James H. Codding, 33°, Clinton S. Fitch, 32°, William Chamberlin, 32°.

Coudersport Chapter of Rose Croix (U. D.), Coudersport.

SANFORD H. LEWIS, 32° . . . . *M. W. and P. Master.*
WARREN B. BRIGHTMAN, 32° . . *M. E. and P. K. S. W.*
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